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Christmas cheer: Rachel Anderson, a forest officer, checking trees at the Alice Holt plantation, near Farnham, Surrey, in preparation for the rush of buyers expected this weekend

Inflation rate falls to 9.7% as peak is passed

By Anatole Kaletsky and Philip Webster

A FALL in the inflation Wednesday to base British the Treasury's view that inflarate to 9.7 per cent, the monetary policy primarily on biggest drop for more than four years, provided some cheer for the government after a week of gloomy economic news.

one-time changes in mort- appears to have set as a trigger gage rates, there were also for any interest rate cut. significant improvements in underlying inflation, might weaken further if the and various services by be-These suggested that government had a good chance of meeting its forecast of pected, within the next month 5.5 per cent inflation by

However, the relief was tempered by concern in both the City and Westminster that the Chancellor might miss an ideal opportunity to cut interest rates and mitigate the deepening recession. Norman Lamont made an unusually outspoken commitment on

INSIDE

Levitt chief granted bail

Roger Levitt, the founder and chairman of the Levitt Group financial services concern, was remanded on bail of £500,000 at Bow Street magistrates' court vesterday.

He was charged on two counts of theft totalling £665,000. His court appearance coincided with his being declared a bankrupt. His assets were put in the control of the official receiver Page 3

Farm pact near

The European Community and the United States are close to resolving a series of damaging farm disputes in a "peace package". The move towards an accord is the most positive step since the row over farm subsidies brought Gatt talks to ... Page 26

Bush setback President Bush's choice for chief of the Republican Party, William Bennett, has become the latest victim of White House infighting..... Page 11 Europe's tunnel

The Channel tunnel operator, Eurotunnel, appears to be controlled by continental investors after its £566 million

Test for Bonds

The unbeaten home record of Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, faces a stern examination when Middiesbrough visit Page 29

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sterling's performance in the European exchange-rate me-Although the big drop at DM2.8790, well below the from 10.9 per cent in October was largely due to DM2.95, which Mr Lamont prices, but other components

> Dealers said that sterling cent in the year to November terest rates, as widely exor so. The Chancellor's opportunity to cut British rates might therefore disappear early in the new year, regardless of further improvements in Britain's inflation

performance. The Chancellor's policy dilemma was further highlighted yesterday by very weak industrial production figures, which showed the economic decline continuing to gain mo-mentum. Industrial production fell by 2.5 per cent in the three months to October, the biggest

three-month drop for 10 years. Dr Ann Robinson, of the Institute of Directors, said that with the economy weakening businessmen were jus-tified in their demands for lower interest rates. "However, because the government is now in the straitjacket of its ERM commitment, we can see no hope of lower interest rates in the near future without causing serious instability in

the currency market." While there was widepread gloom yesterday about the prospects for interest rates and recession, private economists

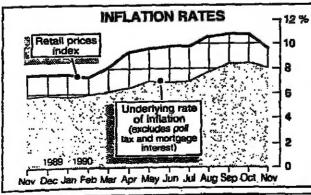
tion had finally peaked. Price chanism. The foreign ex- ered a more reliable gauge of change markets shrugged off underlying inflationary presthe good inflation figures and sure than the beadline figure, also showed improvement. Food prices rose by 6.9 per

Britain's inflation remains well above the European average of 6.4 per cent. John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said the rate was distressingly high and Neil Kinnock said Britain was suffering from stagilation. The Liberal Democrats Treasury spokesman, Alan Beith, said that much of the fall was cosmetic with prices for basic items still

Mr Kinnock, speaking in his Islwyn constituency, wel-comed the fall, saying. The long hard squeeze with the highest interest rates in any major economy was bound to bring a reduction eventually." When the Conservatives came to power, inflation was at the European Community average. Now it was well over double the 4.4 per cent rate of

the other ERM countries. Criticising the devastation caused by the "recession government", he promised that Labour would be a revival government, promoting forward-looking industrial and regional policies based on the development of skills and

Production falls, page 35



We must march together, Major tells EC leaders

From Robin Oakley in Rome

Bush may abandon Iraq talks

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush was yesterday threatening to retract his offer of direct talks with. Baghdad unless President Saddam dropped his insistence that he could not meet James Baker, the US Secretary of State, until January 12, just three days before the UN has authorised the use of force.

"The President is prepared to have no meetings rather than see a lot of shoving around. He believes Saddam needs to get the point that it's Saddam who's in trouble and if we have no meetings, so be it," said Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana.

Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, told the House armed services committee that he saw little probability of sanctions working and argued the case for military action in the near future if Iraq did not withdraw from Kuwait by January 15. A New York Times poll shows 45 per cent in favour of a war, with 48 per cent saving sanctions should be given more time. In Britain 71 per cent of people favour war if sanctions fail, according to Harris Poll for the BBC2 Assignment programme.

Case for force, page 7 tional rhetoric of Mrs That-Chifford Longley, page 12 cher and other leaders took it

IOHN Major yesterday sig- as a signal of more practical nalled a new era of British cooperation in Europe. Clearly determined to avoid a twotier Community and to end British isolation, he told EC Instead, he concentrated on leaders that they must go forward together. No one wanted confrontation. "We are whole-heartedly engaged with you all in the great to see if people want it, we enterprise of building, shaping need to see what the economic and developing Europe." consequences would be."

But privately, he urged other Conservative leaders, including Helmut Kohl of Germany and Giulio Andreotti of Italy, not to rush the pace of integration when he had an a central role in 50 affairs. election looming. He effectively appealed for time to Hurd, the foreign secretary,

tone on Europe with practical His formal message was that a change of prime minister did not mean any change of beart on a single currency or a federal Europe. Nor could be be expected to put his name to anything which would not be agreed by the British parliament. In interviews he said: unanimity. Nobody can be hijacked. This puts us in a I was a member of Mrs Thatcher's cabinet for some

strong position." time: the policies then remain But he added that he was of a generation that held a "very positive" view of the Community. He would be enthusiastic in building and shaping Europe, seeking as he did so liberalism in economics, democracy in politics, evolution on constitutional questions and co-operation on foreign policy. This, he believed, was compatible with what others

in Europe sought. departure from the confronta-tional rhetoric of Mrs That-

policy changes.

cabinet policies.

co-operation in the future. When questioned on the single currency, Mr Major did not condemn it out of hand. timing, saying: "You can't just leap at that. It's a decision of immense significance. We need to see if it works, we need

He emphasised: "We think the Community should go ahead as twelve. Europe has to march together." And he insisted that Britain had to play

Mr Major and Douglas square party and public opin- had been prepared for efforts ion before being expected to to hustle Britain on political Thatcher had been "bounced" on economic and monetary reform last month. Mr Hurd told Figaro: "If they try once again to impose decisions on us before discussion has started then we will be heading for difficulties." In Rome yesterday, he said: "Everybody knows that progress at the end of the day has to be by

> Mr Major's breakfast session with Signor Andreotti seemed to have secured some readiness to tread more carefully on political union in terms of the "steer" given by the full European council to the inter-governmental conference on the subject starting today. It appears that Mr Major, by taking fellow Conservative leaders into his Continued on page 26, coi 1

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Fog brings renewed misery on roads

By GEOFF KING

THICK fog caused problems on roads in many parts of the country last night as the snow and high winds gave way to more settled weather. The outlook for the weekend was remaining cold, with over-night frost and fog likely to affect all regions.

yards on parts of the M25 west of London and in central Birmingham. In Dorset, a pedestrian died after being hit by a car in freezing fog on the A352 near East Stour. Speed restrictions were in force on a number of motorways and the AA reported beavy traffic, The fog was expected to spread overnight

Visibility was reduced to 50

Parts of the East Midlands, meanwhile, were still without though 2,500 staff had been drafted in from other areas to cope with the aftermath of the snow falls. Many overhead power lines were still being repaired.

The more settled weather brought no change to the betting odds on there being a white Christmas. Ladbroke was still offering 8-1 for the possibility of a snowflake falling on the roof of the London Weather Centre at midday.

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Just a wee bit miffed



Billy Connolly gets worked up by the Hollywood money obsession and has a word or two for those who accuse him of selling out

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Trade in that sock option

Choosing a gift that matches the person need not be harder than buying yet another pair of socks WEEKEND LIVING

The Bligh syndrome

The two Oxford University captains (of rugby and rowing), who went through mutiny to victory, talk about their experiences SPORT

Money and the young

What our younger readers spend and how they can save PRIME TIME

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Hangers flog dead horse

Whence comes the extraordinary and apparently implacable desire among members of Parliament (mostly Conservative) to have people strangled . . ? Bernard Levin on capital punishment, on Monday

A very good school — official

The head of a Dorset school rated one of the best by HM inspectors talks to David Tytler about raising standards **EDUCATION, MONDAY**

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Submarine snagging enquiry By KERRY GILL THE US navy has launched incident which comes three Royal Navy and fishing vesweeks after the Antares fishing boat was sunk by the Royal

an enquiry into a claim yesterday that one of its nuclearpowered submarines snaezed the nets of a fishing boat off the Mull of Kintyre. In spite of a statement by

Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, that it was unlikely that the snagging was caused by the submarine, the minutes after they lost most of Americans said that they were keeping an open mind while the investigation took place, extension of the code of No one was injured in the conduct agreed between the

Navy submarine Trenchant in the Firth of Forth with the loss of four lives.

The four crew of the Green Eagle, from Kilkeel, Co Down, saw the American submarine sailing astern on the surface their gear. The snagging brought cails for an immediate

sels in the Firth of Clyde. The code, which comes into force on Monday, will require the navy to forewarn fishermen of the presence of submarines beneath the surface. Lieutenant Steve Lowry, of

the US navy, said that extensive checks would be made on the submarine by its commander. The results would be known next week.

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Hero of a puppet regime crosses to the West

From ANNE McELVOY IN BERLIN

EAST Germany may have disappeared from the map as a mere footnote in world history but the true symbol of the short-lived country lives on, oblivious to unification and immune to the wave of

Western takeovers. State television's most popular children's pupper series Sandmannchen the Sandman - has been rescued from the scrapheap by popular demand as eastern Germany's Channel One ceases broadcasting today. The puppet, which has appeared every evening for 31 years to scatter sand into the eyes of the nation's wakeful times, has outlived Walter Ulbricht, under whose rule he started, Erich Honecker, and finally the

East German state itself. When it became clear that the main annel was to close, leaving only a regional programme, hundreds of capitalism without looking outdated, thousands of children launched a "save the Sandman" campaign. Those petitioners too small to wield a pen for their rights applied handprints to the appeal to make clear their resistance to the sacrificing of the Sandman.

The programme, which has the highest viewing figures in the east, will now be shown on the federal ARD network and be repeated in the eastern German regious. "He is simply a part of GDR identity for parents and children here, one of the things they remember about life pre-unity with pleasure, not resentment," said studio director Eberhard Neumann. "No one would dare do away with him. Even the new director-general has a Sandman on his desk."

The show has succeeded where much of the country's media failed in making the transition from socialism to

and is now successfully gathering young viewers in the west. Herr Albrecht described the Sandman

as having "the benefit of a clean record". Not even the pupper escaped the odd ideological respray, however. His curiosity about the adult world and fictitious visits to different parts of the GDR were supposed to establish him as the "new type of man", in keeping with the rules of socialist realism. In one episode, he paid a visit to the

amiable soldiers of the Volksarmee and rode in a tank with them in the service of peace. On National Day, he obediently waved an East German flag, and went to the moon - with the cosmonauts, of course. A western Sandman, launched as an ideological corrective in the 1950s, failed miserably to match the eastern version and was scrapped.

On his bike: Sandman is

out to conquer the west

Baker gets Howe's old country home in twist to moving saga

JOHN Major yesterday unveiled the latest move in the grace-andfavour homes saga by handing over Dorneywood, the Queen Anne mansion in Buckinghamshire, to his home secretary, Kenneth Baker.

Until last month the house and 214 acres had been the muchpublicised country residence of Sir Geoffrey Howe. Previous tenants were Nigel Lawson, when Chan-cellor, and Lord Whitelaw, during his years as home secretary, deputy prime minister and leader

The allocation of official residences has contributed to the departure of Sir Geoffrey Howe and so, in turn, to the demise of Margaret Thatcher. In his reshuffle Mr Major has sought to settle once and for all the living accommodation of his Cabinet.



Country comforts: from left, Dorneywood, Chequers and Chevening, grace-and-favour mansions for cabinet use. They are rent-free and managed by charitable trusts Chevening, the foreign secretary's The tenancy of Dorneywood hit official country residence in Kent. the headlines last year after Mar-garet Thatcher's decision to move With the title of deputy prime minister, Mrs Thatcher eventually Sir Geoffrey out of the Foreign Office and make him leader of the

gave Sir Geoffrey Dorneywood. However, what was seen as an



standing with the Tory backbenchers and probably cost him any hope of succeeding Mrs Thatcher. Since his resignation last month he has had to vacate both Dorneywood and his Pimlico apartments, which have reverted

defence ministry. The

tenancies of the official residences within the prime minister's gift now read: Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary (Carlton House Terrace and Chevening); Norman Lamont, the Chancellor (11 Downing Street); Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor

(apartments in the House of Lords); Kenneth Baker, home (Dorneywood); and Lord Waddington (62 South Eaton Place). The rent-free official residences are managed by charitable, trusts which pay most of the running costs. Tenants, how-

drink bills. Dorneywood, which has nine

bedrooms, five bathrooms, Whistler paintings and Regency furniture, was bequeathed to the nation during the second world war by Lord Courtauld-Thomson the industrialist.

Even yesterday's Downing Street announcement did not pass off without incident as Westminster pundits immediately queried the fate of Lord Waddington. who might have been expected to follow the former leader of the Lords, Lord Whitelaw, into

Dorneywood. However, he said: "I look upon it as a fair share out. It would have been grossly unfair if I had had the town house [South Eaton Place], which is usually used by the home secretary, and Dorneywood as

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Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe of

By KERRY GILL

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claim that one of its nuclear- Holy Loch. powered submarines snagged the nets of a fishing boat off the Mull of Kintyre, only three said it was very unlikely that weeks after a Royal Navy the vessel had been snagged by submarine sank the Antares with the loss of its four crew in men accused submarines the Firth of Clyde.

The incident happened on Thursday night when the fishing boat Green Eagle felt a shudder five miles southwest of Kintyre. After hauling in what remained of their smashed fishing gear, the fourman crew saw the 8,000-ton submarine sailing astern.

The US navy has confirmed that one of its submarines was in the area. "The commanding officer has no on-board indication that he ran into anything. We have launched an investigation and the results should be known next week. We are keeping an open A US navy spokesman said

that the submarine, on its way to the Atlantic, had passed 2,000 yards abeam and 4,000 yards astern of a fishing vessel.

THE US navy ordered an The submarine had been on Preston Scott, aged 40, of Kilkeel, Co Down, the Green investigation yesterday into a the surface since leaving the Eagle's skipper, said that the submarine passed through an However, Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, fishing. "There should be no submarine anywhere near them," he said. "It was a big the submarine and said fisherarea. He could go round them but to come in through them is every time there was an unsuicide." Mr Scott said that expected accident. The subthere was a sudden shudder marine near the Green Eagle and the net began rising very had been on the surface and quickly. He and his crew the captain was on the bridge hauled in what was left of the fishing gear and then they spotted the submarine about a making sure he would not

quarter of a mile astern. The Green Eagle, which was fishing for hake, lost more than £2,000 worth of gear including an electronic pinger" supposed to send signals audible to a submarine. "Anything could have happened if it had hit the gear right. It could have pulled us down under. I called him on channel 16 and he just sped away to the northwest, towards the Atlantic."

The incident brought demands for the code of conduct governing submarines in the Firth of Clyde, which comes into force on Monday, to be extended around the British and Irish coastlines.

The defence ministry con firmed that the submarine had remained on the surface after leaving its base earlier on was on the bridge at all times and he was not aware of striking anything at all," the ministry said. "They were a long way from the fishing vessel and it is extremely untikely that they would have had anything to with it at all. No other submarines were in

Mr Scott said that there was little the fishermen could do about the problem of submarines. "We can do nothing to prevent it. Our nets are giving signals back to our boats and if they are giving signals back to us, they should be giving signals out in every direction. If the submarine's men are any good with the equipment they should be able to detect our nets and boat

ahead of them." Patrick Stewart, secretary of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, said that the submarine should return to port for an investigation into the incident. "There seems to be a particular problem with American submarines on the surface. Fishermen have said



Home and dry: crew of the Green Eagle repairing their nets which were apparently snagged by a US navy submarine off the Firth of Clyde

Treason penalty

By OUR POLITICAL STAFF

THE Commons is expected to approve on Monday a Labour proposal to abolish the death penalty for treason and piracy despite a plea by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, not to tamper with the treason laws during the debate on capital punishment.

poll tax.

MPs are also expected to vote decisively against the restoration of capital punishment for any categories of murder. Unless Tory MPs obey Mr

Baker's appeal not to change the treason and piracy legislation, a combination of Labour MPs and anti-hanging Tories in a free vote will ensure the removal from the statute book of the death penalty.

then have to decide whether to try to reverse the decision later in the session, possibly in the Lords. Approval of the end of the death penalty for any offence will also confuse debate on the Armed Forces Bill, which reinforces the availability to the courts of the

sanction for traitors. The Under Sheriff of Greater London, Alastair Black, enters the debate on the death penalty today, saying that the details of execution

Heseltine consults councils

By PETER DAVENPORT

environment secretary, disclosed yesterday that he is to undertake a series of consultations with leading city councils as part of his review of the apart."

He held talks with coun- meet as many city councils as cillors in Leeds and Manches ter yesterday and said that he had been invited to visit Liverpool, whose Labour-con-

trolled authority has been one of the most vehemently opposed to the government. Mr Heseltine admitted that he found himself in sympathy with many of the views raised

that she would not

change her policies if she had

her time as prime minister

again. She is philosophical

about her departure from

office and says that she is not

She promises to go on

fighting for everything she

believes in and says: "I have never been worried about

spending time on regrets.

Life's uphill all the

way, Thatcher says

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET Thatcher says you will get opposition from

interests of society and the community at large we must recognise we have got far more to gain together than we have He said that he intended to

that others would be seen by officials of his department.

"I intend to get out into the country in order to visit as many people as I can in their own towns, cities or rural areas because there is a flayour which comes much more vividly from being there than by leaders of the Labour group sitting on the 16th floor of

people who believe dif-

ferently, so my life will always

Mrs Thatcher gave the

interview to mark the 500th

issue of The House Magazine,

the weekly journal of the

She says that she spotted

John Major's talent early and

made him a junior social

security minister, the job with

which she had started her

She says: "In general terms

wouldn't change any of the

policies if I had my time again

and no, no, no I don't spend

time regretting. I am just

getting on with the next job in hand."

be uphill all the way."

Houses of Parliament.

ministerial career.

MICHAEL Heseltine, the on Leeds city council "In the Marsham Street [DoE headquarters] receiving delega-Mr Heseltine was in Leeds

yesterday as part of his first foray back into the inner cities since his return to the environshown work being undertaken by the government-created development corporation for

He repeated that there should be no "quick fix" to the problems of the poll tax and said that any changes in legislation required would take a minimum of two years to pass through parliament.

"I have given as clear a flavour as I can about the nature of the review which I think is likely to lead to a series of building blocks which will add up to a coherent policy," he said.

He refused to be drawn on whether there was any prospect of local authorities given additional financial re-lief to cope with the difficulties of the poll tax before the review was completed.

Mr Heseltine said that be had been pleased with the res-

ponse from the minor opposition parties in Parliament to his offer of talks about the review, although sad at the attitude of Labour, which he described as one of "dismissive hostility". He said he hoped that the Labour leadership would come to a "more

responsible view". He said that a significant number of local authority Labour leaders had taken a more constructive approach than the parliamentary party.

Vauxhall warning on pay rises

The head of Vauxhall less night said the motor industry could not afford to lead next year's pay round with a further run of double-figure percent-

age rises ahead of inflation. Paul Tosch, Vauxhall's managing director. tion had increased the burden on car manufacturers over the past four years, doubling wage rises over original estimates in the past year alone. Vanxhall is to pay its 9,000 manual workers in Luton and Merseyside 12.4 per cent in the second stage of a two-year deal.

Christmas outing Almost one third of sentenced prisoners in Northern Ireland are to be freed next week for seven days of Christmas leave. The move means that 434 of the 1,440 sentenced prisoners will be released. Of these, 144 are serving life sentences.

Some are terrorist killers but those classified as "top risk" are excluded. The scheme has operated for several years and no prisoner has yet failed to return on time. Shorter sentence

An IRA man convicted of the

attempted murder of two UDR soldiers in Northern Ireland in a bomb explosion was spared a life sentence yesterday. After the blast Vivian McDonald, of Ballygawley. Co Tyrone, was shot in the face by a farmer who found him in his yard wearing a mask. McDonald was jailed for 18 years after the Belfast court was told he now had difficulty speaking and eating.

Aircraft scare

Tim Lancaster, the airline pilot who was almost sucked out of the cockpit of his jet in June, had to halt a flight to Paris yesterday after a service door on his BAC 1-11 aircraft appeared to develop a pres-surisation fault. Captain Lancaster returned to Birmingham airport 15 minutes after having taken off with 37 passengers. British Airways said that the aircraft was on its

first flight after an overhaul.

Jury stays out The jury at the Central Criminal Court trying Rodney Whitchelo, a former detective of Hornchurch, Essex, on charges including blackmail and contaminating haby food, spent its second night in a hotel last night after failing to reach a verdict. It is due to resume its deliberations this

morning.

being unpopular if I felt what I at least two vessels have been was doing was right." should be considered. In a in contact with American In her first interview since letter to The Times, he says ubmarines recently. Even if her resignation, Mrs Thatcher that "hanging is barbarous" this latest incident had occsays: "I'm still going uphill adding that there is no experiurred in the Firth of Clyde the and it has been uphill as enced hangman available to new code of conduct would you've seen for the last two calculate the ratio of weight to not have applied as both length of drop. weeks. But if you believe the normal rules of the roads

Enquiry drain on police time

ALMOST half of the police forces in England and Wales are either taking part in investigations into other forces or are themselves under investigation, according to figures released yesterday.
A survey of 30 of the 43

forces in England and Wales least 49 staff to these cases. disclosed that 14 investigations are being carried out. They range from small enquiries to large teams of officers working on cases such as the West Midlands serious crime squad allegations, the Birmingham six appeal, and the Hillsborough disaster.

Complaints against 10 forces are being investigated. long-running one. West Midlands police is the

squad, and a Humberside the cost of the investigations, which are often led by senior investigation, and the force is about to send a team to officers. In the case of Assistant Commissioner Wyn Scotland Yard to check allega-Jones, his seniority has led to tions against Wyn Jones, one Peter Nobes, the West Yorkof the assistant commisshire chief constable, being sioners. This year the Yorkappointed to lead the inshire force has committed at vestigation.

Several of the investigations Yesterday, a spokesman for the Association of Chief Police Officers said: "The date back two or three years, including the enquiry into the number of complaints is demonstrations outside the minute almost to the point of News International plant at being invisible compared with Wapping, which was begun by Northampton police in 1987. force. A lot of the enquiries The Devon and Cornwall police operation on the being carried out are short Birmingham six case is also a term and small scale. The major public examples are the

exception to the rule. "We take the view it is

Forces' chiefs to give budget-cuts warning

THE chief constables of some South Yorkshire, West Midof England's largest police forces are to give a warning that their budgets face drastic cuts because of the level of revenue support grant for local authorities being proposed by the government.

The forces in West and that £14.7million would have

Baker: to receive joint

lands, Merseyside and Northumbria are expected to issue a joint statement next week detailing an approach to Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, which will give a warning of the potential impact of spending cuts.

West Midlands police fear

to be cut from its proposed budget for next year on the basis of provisional standard spending assessments for local authorities announced in October by Chris Patten, then environment secretary.

West Yorkshire, which is leading the joint initiative, fears that it will have to make £8 million cuts, affecting new

recruitment and new vehicles. The environment department said yesterday there was a period of consultation with local authorities before the provisional revenue support

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that he was suffering from a lesser impairment.

could be assessed at St Andrew's. The Special Hospitals Ser-

vice Authority said yesterday that Goodhew had been refused admission because doctors felt that he would not respond to treatment and that he did not need to be detained in such secure conditions. Courts did not have the power to insist that secure hospitals accepted people.

"Many enter the prison systhe charity said.

 Prisoners urgently need to be provided with more work, education and leisure facilities, Angela Rumbold, Home Office minister of state, said on BBC Radio 4's Today

manslaughter has been found

Levitt Group head bailed on £660,000 theft allegations

ROGER Levitt, founder and after his company, valued at sets (excluding clients' funds) chairman of the Levitt Group £150 million, was placed in financial services business, the hands of liquidators. was remanded yesterday on bail of £500,000 at Bow Street magistrates' court after being charged on two counts of theft totalling £665,000.

His court appearance co-incided with his being de-clared a bankrupt and his personal assets being placed in the control of the official receiver. Mr Levitt made a personal bankruptcy applica-tion on Thursday, two days

Hospitals refuse to admit prisoner

By QUENTIN COWDRY HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

HOLDING a mentally disordered man in prison because doctors at National Health Service secure psychiatric hospitals refused to admit him was a hopeless situation, a judge said yesterday.

Judge Nina Lowry said at the Central Criminal Court that Terence Goodhew, aged 33, who had admitted attacking 15 women with acid, should be held in a secure hospital. The court had, however, been unable to find an institution which would take him. "It is a hopeless situa-tion, dreadful," she said.

The judge's comments came on the day that the Prisons Inspectorate criticised the health service for not doing more to reduce the numbers of mentally dis-ordered people in jail. The inspectorate says that such inmates are often locked up for more than 20 hours a day in dirty, poorly lit cells, with not enough access to trained

Julian Bevan, for the prosecution, said: "It seems an absolute tragedy that here is a and tried to murder seven some colloquial English and man who is plainly ill and the more, the High Court in had referred to Peter Sutcliffe state is quite unable to cope London was told yesterday. with the situation."

John Burrow, for the defence, said that one solution pital, Northampton, a private secure unit. He said that there was disagreement about what was wrong with Goodhew. One doctor had diagnosed him as being a psychopath, while another has concluded

Judge Lowry remanded Goodhew in custody so that defence lawyers could make enquiries to see whether he

The mental health charity Mind called on the health service to create special units for psychosexual offenders. tem and receive no treatment or help and return to society still with severe problems,

programme yesterday.

• A prisoner serving life for dead with his throat cut at Parkhurst jail on the Isle of Wight. He is believed to have

By JOHN YOUNG

TONY Sibson the boxer is to take legal

action through his manager, Frank

Warren, over an advertisement for Audi

cars that depicts his bruised and battered

appearance after his fight against the

The advertisement, which has now

been withdrawn, states: "In our eyes it's

American Marvin Hagler.

Mr Levitt was remanded yesterday until February 8. He was charged late on Thursday with stealing £400,000 from a client between October 1987 and December 13, 1990, and £265,000 from another client between June 1986 and December 13, 1990.

During a short hearing, Sir David Hopkin, chief stipendiary magistrate, granted bail on condition that Mr Levitt should not communicate in any way with certain people who are to be interviewed by police; that he must live at his address in Highgate, north London; and that his passport

Separate investigations into Levitt Group are being conducted by police, the trade and industry department and the Serious Fraud Office.

firmed that Levitt Group had ruptcy application.
about 5,000 investors, several Mr Levitt owns about 75

would exceed £1 million. Initially, Levitt Group appeared to have assets worth

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£10 million against a £30 miltion deficiency in the balance sheet. However, the latest statement implies that the deficiency will be closer to £40 million. The liquidators have dismissed 210 staff to cut

Over the past year, Mr Levitt has made loans of just over £20 million to his company. Fimbra, the regulatory body, was unsatisfied that the group could continue trading if it was only Mr Levitt's funds that were supporting it.
When Firmbra asked Mr

Levitt to capitalise the loans, must be held by his solicitors, he refused, and this triggered clifford Chance. Mr Levitt's an administration order and father and a family friend later the liquidation.

At one stage, Mr Levitt, a At one stage, Mr Levitt, a

businessman with many celebrity clients, had a personal fortune estimated at more than £80 million. He is believed to have submitted a list KPMG Peat Marwick Me- of his assets and liabilities to Lintock, the liquidators, con- the High Court in his bank-

these clients were discretionary clients whose funds were handled directly by the Levitt Group on the clients' behalf.

Tim Hayward, one of the company.

Another 20 per cent is owned by Legal & General, Chase Manhartan, General Accident and Commercial Union.

These institutions bounds. their 4.9 per cent stakes just liquidators, said it looked un- three months ago from Mr



Subsidies safe 'even after BR flotation'

By MICHAEL DYNES

SUBSIDIES to sustain lossmaking rural rail services will be maintained when British Rail is privatised, Malcolm retary, said yesterday.

A pledge to privatise the railways will be made in the Conservative election manifesto and, although a date has yet to be set for the flotation, procedures towards it would start in the next parliament", Mr Rifkind said. Dismissing recent specula-

using public funds to help finance the proposed Channel tunnel high speed rail link. Mr Riskind said the government was prohibited from supporting the project with subsidies. Folkestone and London will be financed from British Rail's resources, and by borrowing from the national loans fund. However, that does not rule out using government grants to belp finance related improvements in Network SouthEast's commuter services. Mr Rilkind said.

Rejecting allegations of gov-ernment bias against public transport in favour of road building, Mr Rifkind said: There neither is nor will there ever be a bias in favour of one particular kind of transport." During the next three years nearly £7 billion will be invested in British Rail and London Underground, while £5.6 billion will be invested in roads, he added.

THE SUNDAY TIMES Deadlier than the male?

"Something ruinous and evil has happened between men and women in the last 25 years, something so ruinous and sore that it's hard to see how the damage can be repaired while we live . . . " So wrote Neil Lyndon in last week's Sunday Times.

It created a storm which has run all week. Tomorrow you can read about it, and hear the other side of the story.

"When the women I spoke to had picked themselves up off the floor and stopped laughing, they poured scorn on his thesis that their tongues are the Exocet missiles of the

Kate Saunders in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

Ski scene

Richard Binns charts the best places to stay and the best places to eat en route to the piste. Plus weekly snow and weather reports from the major Alpine resorts start tomorrow in The Sunday Times.

Papoutsis 'felt he had been used'

him when he discovered that the woman he had had a holiday romance with was Sonia Sutcliffe, the wife of the Yorkshire Ripper. In an interview with a

newspaper reporter, George Papoutsis said that he was devastated when he learnt that Mrs Sutcliffe's husband, Peter Sutcliffe, was "a real sicko"

The reporter's record of the court on the tenth day of the cle alleging that she had an affair with Mr Papoutsis while on holiday in Greece.

Morven Kinlay, a former reporter for the News of the World, was shown a shorthand note of a four-hour interview she had with Mr Papontsis at a London hotel in December 1988. A transcript of the notes quoted Mr Papoutsis as saying that he

intellectual type". He said that "with Sonia, the physical was holding hands", adding that she had power over him. "She was in control. She could

manipulate me. I was really

impressed with her." Miss Kinlay told Geoffrey Shaw, for Mrs Sutcliffe, that although the words "a real sicko" did not appear in her who had murdered 13 women notes, Mr Papoutsis spoke

The transcript of Mr interview was read out in Papoutsis's interview continued: "I felt it was all sinister. I would be to seek an interim libel action brought by Mrs thought she was very mysteriorder for Goodhew to be Sutcliffe against the News of our and now I understand in the report were words that assessed at St Andrew's hoshas been really nightmarish." Mr Papoutsis had seen

photographs of Peter Sutcliffe "Who is this? He must be an Italian." She had said: "Yes, Leonardo da Vinci with a thin beard." He had asked: "Is this your first lover?" She had replied that he was her husband and that they were separated. He had remarked

A GREEK travel company had really liked Mrs Suicliffe. that the man looked very of the News of the World, said director said that it felt as if He found her interesting, much like him. The transcript the world had collapsed on attractive and "the real quoted Mr Papoutsis as saying that Mrs Sutcliffe had then joked: "Yes you do look alike. That's why I fancied you."

Mr Papoutsis said that he felt used. "Everything collapsed for me. I felt sick. It gave me the creeps. Maybe she was using me as a substitute for her husband,"

Miss Kinlay, questioned about words that appeared in her article for the News of the World, agreed with Mr Shaw that the words "sizzling", "sexy" and "intimate" had been inserted by a sub-editor. She said: "That is just typical News of the World language."

them, but she insisted that she had written the report in good while visiting Mrs Sutcliffe in faith and still believed it to be Bradford. He had asked: true. Miss Kinlay told the true. Miss Kinley told the court that when she saw George Papoutsis she was immediately struck by his resemblance to Peter Sutcliffe. "He was just a dead ringer for him. I think he really did look like him."

Robert Warren, news editor

that a story about Mr Papoutsis and Mrs Sutcliffe, with accompany pictures, had been bought from an agency called Rex Features for £25,000. The resemblance between Mr Papoutsis and Mr Sutcliffe had been "the remarkable thing about it" and had played a part in determining the price the News of the World was pre-

pared to pay. Mr Warren told Mr Shaw that be did not know whether an artist had been employed to alter a photograph of Mr Sutcliffe used on the front page of the paper to make him look more like Mr Papoutsis, but said: "If it was he did a completely different."

UK 'behind in childcare'

BRITAIN lags behind other less." The report found that weeks after birth; paternity European countries in child- growth in publicly funded leave of at least two weeks; care, according to a report by the European Commission's childcare network.

The report found that the gap between childcare providers has widened over the past five years with Denmark spending almost seven times countries, but not in Britain, more per head than Britain on and the UK remains the only childcare services. Christine Crawley, Euro- maternity leave.

MP for Birmingham East, who chairs the European Parliament's women's commit-tee, said: "The whole Community has a long way to go. but the UK is at the starting quality and quantity of child block as far as most of the care on offer. It also said that network, said that what was other member states are con- one of the most important needed was a change in legislacerned. We hear a great deal aspects of standards was about the need to tap women's employment rights for parents islative moves such as skills and talents. Until there and recommended four basic paternity leave and parental is a full network of publicly rights which should be infunded childcare faculties troduced in all member states such statements are value- maternity leave, lasting 12-16 a men's issue."

It leaves

provision has increased and parental leave of at least significantly in Denmark, three months per parent ini-Luxembourg, France and Portugal but has been much slower in the UK, Italy, Ireland and Greece, Parental leave is now available in eight country without universal

The report said that there should be targets for minimum levels of provision. There should also be regulation of the standards for the

tially, with an eventual objective of 6-9 months per parent. When fully implemented and taken along with maternity leave this would give parents 18 months of post-natal leave. The report also recom-

mends leave for family reasons, to allow parents to carry out essential parental duties, including the care of sick children. This should be at least five days each year per parent per child. Peter Moss, of the childcare

tion. "There are certain legleave which signal very clearly

£114,215 award against police

By BILL PROST

who claimed detectives fabricated evidence to convict him of a robbery he did not commit won £114,215 damages in the High Court yesterday from the Metropolitan

police. Frank Nugent, aged 46, from Feltham, west London, had accused officers at Heathrow police station of concoct-ing a false confession in which he admitted to taking part in a raid on the Trans Mediterranean Airways' depot in September 1985.

He was eventually cleared of involvement by an Old Bailey jury in October 1986, but not before he had spent a year in prison on remand. The jury of eight men and

four women took four hours to decide unanimously yesterday that Mr Nugent was weight boxing champion, acfalsely imprisoned and maccepted £50,000 agreed High ments, compared with liciously prosecuted by police Court damages from the £104,336 in 1988.

A FORMER surport worker after the £320,000 raid. After Metropolitan police in settlethe hearing Mr Nugent said he was delighted that "justice has been done", but he added that the officers responsible for his ordeal should now themselves

face charges. Mr Nugent's solicitor called last night for a police inquiry into the conduct of the investigation. Mr Nugent's two brothers

connected with the robbery in which British and foreign currency was stolen by raiders armed with pick are handles. He argued that a confession in which he allegedly tried to do a deal with two detectives in return for immunity from prosecution was "100 per cent lies, all pure invention." Last month Maurice Hope, the former world light-middle-

ment of an action brought against the force for alleged false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

Counsel for Mr Hope told

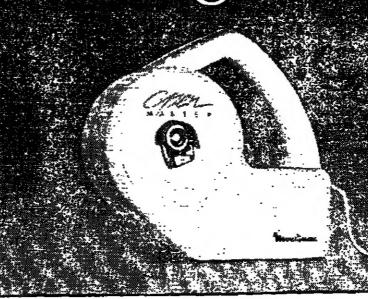
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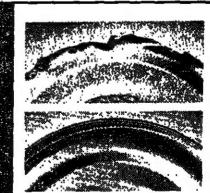
been charged with smoking cannabis and eating packets of the drug while in his car. Scotland Yard's press bureau were convicted of offences details appeared in newspapers. However, the Crown offered no evidence when Mr Hope appeared at the Inner London Crown Court in June

1989. The judge said the boxer could leave without a stain on his character. Damages totalling £233,054 were awarded against the Metropolitan police in the High Court last year, not including out-of-court settle-

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better to avoid a hit than take one." It adds: "Tony Sibson: Leicester's own fighting gipsy, prided himself on his ability to 'take' a punch." In a letter to The Times on Thursday, Mr Sibson said the advertisement had caused distress to his whole family. It Tony Sibson as he appeared in the

had appeared without his permission and without previous warning. "While a person in the public eye cannot escape publicity, it is dreadful that an ordinary individual (which is what I now am) should find an unpleasant photograph of himself displayed all over the national press," he

said. "The advertisement implies that my only talent lay in an ability to endure ... have attained the



British, European and Commonwealth titles with such a limited ability, far less be considered as a contender for the world championship." The content of the advertisement was unfair and

The Advertising Standards Authority said yesterday that its code of practice did not require advertisers to seek permission of people who were in the

public eye, although they were advised to do so. So long as sports personalities were not shown to be endorsing a product or portrayed in an insensitive, unfair or distasteful way, the authority

took a "fairly robust" view. With legal action impending, it could not comment on Mr Sibson's case, but it would normally take action over advertisements which caused personal

It had recently endorsed a complaint by Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, about an advertisement by Revlon for an antiperspirant, which displayed his photograph and was captioned "For when you're really swearing." The authority described it as "highly distasteful" at a time when Mr Scargill was involved in an enquiry over missing union funds.

A spokesman for Audi's advertising agency, Bartle Bogle Hegarty, said that the advertisement had been legally checked before it was published. Public figures sometimes became indignant when they appeared in advertisements without their permission, but he claimed that it was not against the law.

ciple dominating the listing of cases in the courts - that judges must not be kept waiting - is to be launched by the Law Society and

in response to comments by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, in October over the high incidence of aborted or "cracked" trials and the consequent waste of public money.

Lord Mackay told the pro-

Pensions for judiciary may change

By OUR LEGAL AFFAIRS

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PROPOSALS which could boost recruitment of younger judges to the circuit bench by reforming the pension arrangements of the judiciary have been made by the Lord Chancellor's department.

One of the main obstacles to attracting younger judges is that they must have served a mini-mum of 15 years full-time before becoming eligible for the full retirement pension at 65. A judge appointed before the age of 50 must thus serve longer before being able to draw the full pension, amounting to half the last year's salary.

Although judges now being appointed to the circuit bench are younger than those of 20 years ago, there are still relatively few in their 40s. Earlier this year statistics compiled in the Lord Chancellor's department showed that there were 24 circuit judges of 70 years or more; 178 between 60 and 69; 172 between 50 and 59 and only 51 between 40 and 49.

Judge Tilling, at 45, is one of the youngest judges on the circuit bench. Appointed this year, he is an Old Etonian described by his clerk as the "very image of a modern judge; hardworking, down to earth, nothing like the old-school type". However, a number of other new judges this year were over 60.

Department officials have been working on how to tackle the issue. They have made proposals to remove the minimum-service obstacle as part of a full-scale reform of judges' pension arrangements, sent privately to a number of judges for consultation.

The paper is also expected to rationalise the different pensions arrangements applying to the circuit and High Court bench and within the jurisdictions of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. A High Court judge can retire at 70 on a full pension after serving at least 15 years, while a circuit judge can retire at 65 after serving 15 years. Circuit judges must retire at 72 and High Court judges at 75.

The reform proposals are believed to address a second concern: the disadvantage judges face over pension arrangements when they are promoted from the circuit to High Court bench. They now have the choice of counting their High Court years towards their total years as a circuit judge and then drawing a circuit judge's pension; or starting again and notching up 15 years on the High Court bench to draw the higher

pension of a High Court judge. The consultation paper is believed to suggest options for a transitional period for rationalising pension arrangements, One possibility is to bring in a common qualifying period of 20 years, which would remove the disincentive to appointing youn-

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fession that trials aborted by a lastminute change of plea in court from not guilty to guilty wasted public money. Although they could not be avoided altogether, lawyers could do much more to reduce cracked trials, Lord Mackay said. He urged lawyers to change their working practices and to give earlier consideration to the issues involved in a case.

However, the profession, while accepting its responsibility over aborted trials, is launching a counter-attack on the practices of

court-listing officers.

Peter Cresswell, QC, the chairman of the Bar, said: "Sometimes there has been a change of counsel when a trial is aborted. But very often the problem has been cause by listing, and this is why we need to improve the listing system."

Walter Merricks, the assistant secretary general of the Law Society, said: "Listing officers try to maximise the number of sitting hours of their judges, to the exclus-

ion of every other consideration."

There was concern, Mr Merricks said, among lawyers over what they saw as the aggressive approach of some listing officers which put them under pressure to take a slot in the court timetable when they might not be ready, and when the defendant would not have counsel of his choice,

Further, he said, there was concern that defendants facing delays sitting around court waiting for their case to come on were under pressure to plead guilty.

"People are almost forced into a guilty plea if they turn up on a certain day and are then told the case won't come on until the afternoon, and then they are told it won't be heard that day, and they face the prospect of going away and having to come back on another day. They may think it's more than it's worth," he said.

The profession's two branches are to form a working party that will gather evidence from the circuits, local law societies and barristers' clerks on listing practices. Clients and their wish for a particular lawyer should be put

first, rather than judges' time, Mr Merricks said. "There is an old maxim among listing officers that says you are entitled to counsel of your choice but not necessarily your first choice," he said. The system discriminated against people on legal aid, because privately funded defen-

dants would always be given a fixed date and allowed to have counsel of their choice. An aggressive approach by listing officers had been justified a

the crown courts were unaccept-

ably long, Mr Merricks said.

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Breeding controls urged after antelope 'mad cow' death

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

THE British Veterinary Association urged the government yesterday to discourage farmers from breeding from the offspring of cattle affected by the "mad cow" disease after confirmation that an infant antelope born to an infected mother has died from the brain disorder at London Zoo.

The association, which was disappointed by the government's recent refusal to accept the recommendation of a Commons select committee on agriculture that it should act to deter such breeding, said that its members were now advising farmers not to breed from infected animals. "That is the sensible approach even though we accept that antelopes are not the same as cattle and that maternal transmission of the disease would not have any implications for human health.

The agriculture ministry said, however, that it had no plans to change its policy, and David Tyrrell, chairman of the scientific committee advising the government on bovine spongiform en-cephalopathy (BSE), the cattle version of the disease, said that he saw no reason to amend his earlier recommendation against a ban onbreeding from offspring of in-

The 19-month-old greater kudn antelope was put down on The disease can be transmitted to November 13 after displaying mink and, in laboratory con-

those which killed her mother in August. Examination of brain tissue has now confirmed the presence in both cases of a spongiform encephalopathy. The mother, like four other

antelopes which have died from spongiform encephalopathies in British zoos since 1986, was bonemeal from the offal of scrapie-infected sheep, which is be-lieved to have caused the outbreak of BSE in cattle. However, her offspring was born nine months after such feed was banned and the only likely explanation for her death seems to be that she was infected by her mother.

If maternal transmission can occur in antelope, there is concern that it might occur in cattle also. Both species belong to the bovida family, along with sheep and goats. The assumption has been that cattle which have caten infected feed are "dead-end hosts" for the disease. However, if they can pass BSE on, eradication of the disease could be much harder. So far, sheep are the only species

where spongiform encephalonethy, popularly called scrapic in sheep, is known to be transmitted from mother to offspring, probably via infection of the placenta.

ditions, to mice but not by A group of 312 cattle born to

monitored at the agriculture ministry's experimental husbandry farm at Boxworth, in Cambridgeshire. None has so far developed BSE, which scientists consider encouraging. The oldest animal is igest recorded case of feedrelated BSE occurred at 22 months. Dr Tyrrell said it did not worry

him that a [cud-chewing] ruminant such as a kudu might appear to behave like a sheep, whereas another ruminant such as a cow did not. "We cannot lump all ruminants together and assume they are all going to behave exactly the same way," he said. "It would not surprise me if we did get the occasional case of dam-to-off-spring transmission in cows. All the evidence we have, and it gets stronger month by month, is that if it does occur, it does not occur very often, and in that sense we are safer and safer with our present policy. "If it were to turn out that there

was a high frequency of maternal transmission, then there might be a case for considering a policy of slaughtering the offspring of BSEaffected cows. But it is beginning to look as if there cannot be a high

Unions ask Major to halt Sunday trading

By Tim Jones, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

UNION leaders representing more than 350,000 shopworkers asked the prime minister last night to prevent big stores opening illegally tomorrow and on the next Sunday before Christmas.

In a move bitterly opposed by the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) some large retailers have decided to risk fines by opening on Sundays to increase their profits and offer customers a better service. The union claims they are deliberately breaking the law in the face of a House of Lords judgment, expected next month, which will determine whether they can contime their policy of opening on Sundays.

The union believes the stores are in flagrant breach of the 1950 Shops Act prohibiting Sunday trading. Usdaw has also written to the leaders of every district council, reminding them of their obligation to enforce the Sunday trading law. Retailers throughout England

and Wales are waiting to see whether the Law Lords come out in favour of the B&Q do-ityourself chain, which is contesting High Court orders forcing it to suspend Sunday trading at Norwich and Stoke-on-Trent.

The B&Q stores remain closed in those towns, but in other centres the chain has been quite happy to face fines, imposed by

continue trading with the risk of being prosecuted again. B&Q considers the law on

Sunday trading, which it believes to be a grey area, is contrary to European practice and amounts to a ban on fair cross-border trading. Confronted by a welter of apparently equivocal legal opin-

ion, some chain stores were yesterday guarded as to whether they would ask their staff to turn up on Sunday. The Woolworth stores group said yesterday that it had yet to decide what to do. Marks & Spencer said that while its stores in Scotland, where the

Sundays, the company had no intention of breaking the law in England and Wales. Garfield Davies, Usdaw's general secretary, said that extra opening hours would increase

law is different, would be open on

pressure on staff without contributing to additional company profits. The only result, as far as extra business is concerned, is that those

shops who open illegally on Sundays will steal trade from their law-abiding competitors who re-main closed," he said. "There is no question of Sunday

trading creating more jobs, as either shopworkers' hours are on for a few more hours. No permanent jobs will be created and very few existing staff will magistrates, of up to £800 and to even get paid any more money."

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Prince causes stir in the forests

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Forestry Commission yes-terday stood by its assertion that forest trees were being made a scapegoat over acid pollution, despite a suggestion by the Prince of Wales that insufficient attention had been paid to the role of conifer plantations in increasing acidity of rivers and lakes.

Earlier this year the commission said that forest trees had been made the scapegoats for a problem caused mainly by acid rain and air pollution. That had led to forestry projects being abandoned after protests from water authorities. In a speech last Wednesday,

however, the prince appeared to contradict the commission by calling for more research into the apparent capacity of conifer plantations in upland areas to trap acid rain and eject it into rivers and streams. He said many upland

areas had been deprived of trout. salmon and sea trout.

He thought insufficient attention was given to "the potential for this sort of environmental damage when large grants are handed out for planting or replanting in inappropriate areas". A commission official said yes-

terday: "We certainly recognise that in certain areas, particularly in parts of Wales and southwest Scotland, we do not yet know enough about the acidification or rivers and streams." The commission was involved in research with other bodies.

The official said the commission's guidelines said that conifers should not be planted within five metres of rivers or streams and that little planting took place in such areas. The environment department said yesterday that it

was aware that conifers could have an adverse effect on water quality, but it was also aware of the expense of dealing with the

· Sewage could be one of Britain's most exciting natural resources, energy and environmental scientists said yesterday (Nick Nuttall writes). They were responding to claims by the Prince of Wales that water companies, facing a ban on dumping sewage in the sea, should view it as a valuable resource.

Yesterday the experts said they vere studying a variety of ways to fulfill the prince's hopes. One process would harness old and newly identified micro-organisms to break down waste into a natural gas that can be turned into electricity and sold into the nat-

Irresistible fall of the weekly

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CONFRONTED with the relentless proliferation of colour magazines, Saturday supplements and leisure sections, it is easy to see how the appetite of the average newspaper reader for the weekly political-com-literary periodicals has become jaded.

Institutions such as the New Statesman, Punch and The Spectator, which in the Fifties and Sixties attracted writers of the calibre of Evelyn Waugh, Graham Greene and Malcolm Muggeridge, are in danger of becoming an

The BBC's decision to close the 61-year-old Listener, which has seen circulation drop from 153,000 at its 1949 peak to just 16,500 today, has again highlighted the decline of the intellectual weekly - in terms of both clout and revenue. Once radio and

television began to pre-empt the newspapers' monopoly on news, newspapers were forced to encroach on the territory of the periodicals, with magazine-length features and more comment and analysis. The expansion in size by the quality weekend newspapers combined with the advent of colour advertising in newspapers and supplements has hit the likes of the New Statesman and Spec-

Now experiencing the worst advertising recession in living memory, it is impossible for the weeklies to even dream of maintaining advertising share.

The New Statesman, which merged for its survival two years ago with the Sixties start-up New Society, has had fewer financial resources than The Spectator to survive the decline. The left-wing

periodical has many times tried but failed to attract the sort of backing that The Spectator has enjoyed under the ownership of the Telegraph proprietor Conrad

Only the magazines that have the luxury of being a rich man's toy seem likely to survive," said Alan Coren, the Times columnist and former editor of both The Listener and Punch.

Stuart Weir, who recently resigned as editor of New Statesman and Society, said yesterday. There are plenty of right-wing companies and individuals willing not only to keep The Speciator going but to invest in it by paying large bills for marketing and promotion. That sort of money has never been available to the Statesman, which was badly managed over the Eighties in a way that The Spectator wasn't."

Under the editorship of Paul Johnson circulation of The New. Statesman reached 90,000, but under Richard Crossman and Anthony Howard sales fell to under 40,000. The magazine's circulation has fallen from 47,000 just after the merger with New Society in 1988 to below 25,000. Circulation of the 162-year-old Speciator, recently aided by controversial interviews with Nicholas Ridley and Lord Denning, has risen in the last few years, but it is still hovering at only about 30,000. Sales of the 138-year-old Punch have fallen from 70,000 in the early Eighties

However, where The Speciator has concentrated on bolstering subscriptions, with two-thirds of its sales revenue now from that source, New Statesman and Society has not.

to well below 40,000.

National newspapers have also wooed away many of the best columnists and writers from the periodicals. Readers need not turn to a magazine to find their favourite writers, who no longer write exclusively for any periodical. Mr Coren said: "A circulation of 20,000 to 40,000 is not enough to appeal to the vanities of the best columnists and critics, who can reach millions in a newspaper. As a result, The Listener, New States man, The Spectator and Punch just don't have the clout or the constituency they used to. No one in the House of Commons waves

Story-teller's role revived to keep rural culture alive

THE ancient role of official storyteller is to be revived to help to preserve the culture and heritage of one of the most attractive areas of rural England.

More than 90 applications have been received for the £10,000-ayear, part-time post in a section of the north Pennines designated as an area of oustanding natural beauty and bounded by the towns of Alston, Allendale and Stan-hope. The job has been created under a project funded by local councils, arts organisations, the Countryside Commission and the Rural Development Commission.

The successful applicant will collect and record stories from the area and encourage an interest in story-telling among local groups and schoolchildren. He or she will re-tell the stories and poems in remote villages and hamlets, in the hope of luring audiences from

their television screens. Applications closed earlier this week and the interviews are to take place in the new year, with the successful storyteller beginning work in April. The post will last

Yesterday the organisers said that the area had been chosen partly because it had little pro-vision for the arts. "Also, like many areas considered ripe for tourism, it runs the risk of suffering from the marketing man's favourite ploy: a cosmetic repackaging of the past which becomes the dominant image of the area to visitors and often, eventually, to residents."

Les Morgan, Wear Valley dis-trict council's head of leisure services, said: "There is a wealth of material among the older people of this area which will just disappear if it is not collated and

We hope that the storyteller, who will work in schools as well as addressing village ball audiences, will help to preserve the true heritage of the North Pennines."

According to the job description the successful candidate will need to be "experienced and comfortable" working in a variety of community settings, willing to be flexible in the interpretation of storytelling and to have an understanding of rural life.

Llanystumdwy honours a celebrated son

A £250,000 appeal has ensured that the memory of David Lloyd George will live on, Simon Tait reports

LLANYSTUMDWY, the one-street village in Gwynedd where David Lloyd George spent his boyhood and where he died 45 years ago, turned out yesterday for the opening of a museum and heritage trail dedicated to the Welsh wizard.

Lloyd George's image might have been tarnished for some by revelations 20 years ago of his extramarital adventures, but not for the people of North Wales. They revere him still, not so much as a war leader, social reformer, inventor of pensions or national insurance, but as the man who took them-

out of the Church of England. "He is still the great man here, whatever the rest of the world says," according to Bryn Parry, Gwynedd's county archivist, "He may have had feet of clay, so have the rest of us, but we felt the centenary of his election to Parliament, which this year is, was the time to properly celebrate the

international statesman who came from here." Yesterday's gathering in the 300-strong community rivalled that at Lloyd George's funeral when his coffin was carried on a farm cart to its riverside grave. This time the Archdruid of Wales presided as an englymion (a complex Celtic poem) he had written and dedicated to DLIG, as he is still known in Wales, was read. The archdroid is William George, a nephew. Clough Williams Ellis, a friend

of Lloyd George and creator of the Italianate village of Portneirion 20 miles away, created a building in Llanystumdwy to house the gifts foreign leaders gave Lloyd George. It has trebled in size to become the Lloyd George museum. A 300seat lecture theatre has been built next to it.

Twenty yards away is Highgate, the cottage where Lloyd George lived with his uncle Richard Lloyd, the village shoemaker and the great influence on his early life. The cottage, given to Gwynedd by DLIG's grandson, has been restored and furnished in 1860s style. His grave 50 yards from the museum is also part of a heritage trail, which it is hoped 30,000 tourists a year will follow.

Five British prime ministers and President Bush endorsed the appeal, which raised £250,000 to create the museum. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the only other 20th-century prime minister (apart from, briefly, Ramsay MacDonald) to represent a Weish constituency, opened it.

Memorabilia in the museum include the "People's Budget" Lloyd George introduced as Chancellor in 1909, which he dedicated to his Uncle Lloyd" as the real author.

Much is made of how the Lloyd George story was interpreted by television. In 1973 his family tried to stop the televising of a play in which Lloyd George's libidinous side rather than his politics was the focus.

In the furore it created, Sir Dingle Foot wrote to The Times quoting Sir Winston Churchill's words after Lloyd George's death; "When the English history of the first quarter of the century is written it will be seen that the greater part of our future in peace and war was shaped by this one man."



Welsh hero and charismatic leader: a museum poster

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Thousands drafted in to restore power to blizzard region

said yesterday that more than their home at Sutton Boning-return to the village school 2,500 staff had been drafted in ton, near Loughborough on yesterday. Mrs Williams, from other electricity com- the border of Leicestershire panies to cope with the after- and Nottinghamshire. They math of the recent heavy have been cooking food and snowfalls. Linesmen from as heating water on an open fire far afield as Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales have been enlisted to repair damage and restore supplies. Eight helicopters are being used

The company said that a combination of wet snow, temperature and wind speed produced conditions last up of ice on overhead power lines, which were damaged or brought down by the weight.

Many in the East Midlands are still without power, includfamily, who live only two since last weekend's snow infuriating. storms brought down power

or on a camping stove.

was angry that her home was without power, as were the homes of 30.000 other customers of East Midlands Electricity. The family may have to wait until early next week before all of the 2,600 weekend that created a build- miles of electricity lines that were damaged across the region are repaired and most of those cut off are in outlying areas of Nottinghamshire and ing Renate Williams and her Derbyshire. Yesterday morning, Mrs Williams said: "We miles from the power station have now been without power at Ratcliffe on Soar, near for 148 hours. The electricity Nottingham. Yesterday was company said it cannot give the seventh day that their any indication when we are to detached Edwardian house be reconnected. It is the lack of had been without electricity information that is so

Most of Sutton Bonington lines. It has meant no central has had electricity restored heating, lighting, hot water or and one of her two children,

EAST Midlands Electricity proper cooking facilities in aged 11 and 13, was able to whose husband, Peter, is a research chemist, said: "We have been baking potatoes on the open fire and cooking things like casseroles. Every-Yesterday, Mrs Williams thing in our freezer is ruined. meals and I queued for an hour for fish and chips in the next village. We walk around by candlelight and a gas lantern, but we cannot get more gas cylinders."

 Richard Williams, aged 20. of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, who died when his car their power restored. Most of became trapped in weekend snowstorms, refused help from a passing off-duty policeman just hours before he died. an inquest at Nottingham was told yesterday. Mr Williams was poisoned by car fumes as he ran the engine to keep warm in temperatures of 10C (14F) while stranded in 10ft snowdrifts near Mansfield. Peter Jenkin-Jones, the coroner, recorded a verdict of



out: a water authority worker disinfects concrete pillars before the newly built Headley reservoir is filled with five million gallons of water. East Surrey Water has spent £1.1 million on the reservoir, which is to supply 80,000 consumers in the Reigate, Salfords and Horley area. The water authority says that the extra capacity is needed to maintain its policy of having 42 hours' worth of supply in storage

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Indecision on office 'cost public £14m'

By Sheila Gunn, political reporter

taxpayers' money was wasted brough indecision by officials over the London headquarters for Customs and Excise investigators, according to the public spending watchdog, the National Audit Office.

An enquiry found that the osses came after the Property Services Agency leased offices

Housing to be Labour priority

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ABOUR promised yesterday to push housing up the political agenda by seeking to improve the supply and quality of homes, Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, accused Michael Heseltine of being the architect of ause a housing crisis.

In a speech to the House Builder's Federation, Mr Gould said that Labour would allow councils to spend their capital receipts on new building. A planning classification would be created to encourage cheaper housing in rural areas for local people.

Housing associations would also have a role in developing rural property for local families and part-rent, part-buy would schemes

encouraged.

Mr Gould said that the urban development corporation policy pursued by Mr Heseltine during his previous period as environment secretary was not a success. It had failed to lever huge amounts of private money into inner cities but in areas ike Docklands had created "u balanced social apartheid".

Chalker in talks on famine aid

By Robert Morgan Parliamentary Staff

LYNDA Chalker, the overseas aid minister, is to have urgent talks next week with charities such as Oxfam and Save the Children Fund to see what further help can be given to the starving people of Ethiopia and Sudan.

She told MPs it was clear there would be severe famine and widespread loss of life "unless action is taken by the international community to help these desperate people" Over the next few days decisions would have to be taken on what further help needed to be sent to the Horn of Africa to prevent the sort of catastrophe seen in 1984 and 1985.

Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader, said there was a sense of public outrage that after that "great emotional public response to the famine in Ethiopia we should be asking people again to dip into their pockets". They were not reluctant to do so, but were asking what had been done in the years since that appeal "to right the situation".

Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, attacked the British and other Western more for the third world.

MORE than £14 million of in Worship Street in central London in 1987 to house the investigators. At the time, the agency rejected updating the Customs House in Lower Thames Street. However, it later abandoned the Worship

Street project and rehoused

staff in the Customs House An audit office report said: "The department [Customs and Excise] withdrew from the Worship Street project in December 1988, some 12 months after refurbishment and occupational works had started. The agency took immediate action to cancel as much of the occupational works as possible. The department accepted responsibility for meeting the remaining owners' and contractors'

The report said that the total estimated cost to the Treasury of the abandoned project was £14.4 million by September of this year, and urged government depart-ments to avoid such losses when forming long-term accommodation strategy.

Policeman jailed for bomb hoax

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to prevent and

fake bomb at a shopping centre while on patrol alone at night was jailed for six months by Winchester crown court

PC Nicholas Tolson, a 25year-old father of three, of Tidworth, Hampshire, denied the offence and did not give evidence at his trial.

The fake bomb was found outside a Boots store at Andover, Hampshire, after Tolthat he had disturbed some masked men there. Swarf inside the package was found to match that found inside his car, the court was told. Tolson faces dismissal from the police on his release from prison.

Victim's award Charles Jefferies, aged 32, who admitted cutting an Asian spectator's face with a beer glass during a Sussex-Warwickshire cricket match at Eastbourne in August, was ordered to pay his victim £1,000 compensation at Lewes

crown court yesterday. Jefferies, of Polegate, East Sussex, was also ordered to do

> Jobs boost A thousand jobs are to be created in a £30 million plan to build new houses and shops on derelict British Rail land at Sneinton, Nottingham, Nottingham city council and Nottinghamshire county council are joining forces to build a

business park on the 37-acre

240 hours' community service.

Tractor death

Mark Poynter, aged 16, died after his farm tractor overturned and pinned him down police said yesterday. Mark, of Ewe Tree Farm, Crook, Cumbria, was released by police and a mountain rescue team but was found to be dead on arrival at hospital.

Security chief

Superintendent David Reeve aged 44, is the new chief of security for the royal family at the Queen's Sandringham estate in Norfolk, His first duties will be at Christmas when the Queen and her family begin governments for failing to do their traditional six-week stay

Cheney puts case for force as sanctions take time to bite

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

RICHARD Cheney, the American defence secretary, told congressmen yesterday impact", he acknowledged, initiative. that there was "no guarantee and made his strongest case to date for swift military action if January 15 deadline.

His statements came amid signs that an angry President Bush was preparing to retract his offer of direct talks with Iraq if Baghdad refused its ably not his ground forces, and agreement to dates acceptable

to America. Mr Cheney, appearing be-fore the House armed services committee, said: "I hear a lot racies of East Europe. of talk about 'Let's let sanctions work. Why don't we wait a year or two and see if in fact of Tariq Aziz, Iraq's foreign sanctions won't force him to minister, the Iraqi and Ameriget out? They might; I can't can governments had still say they won't, but nobody can persuade me either that there is a high probability of the Secretary of State, 10 see that." The UN trade embargo President Saddam in Baghrepresented "the most impres-sive set of economic sanctions" dad, and two Republican sen-ators, who met President Bush

The Israelis, two men and a

woman, were the latest vic-

Jews which has left seven dead

and 16 injured since the

October killing of at least 17

mosque in Jerusalem.

anisation was responsible.

After the discovery of the

bodies, dozens of angry Israe-

lis lined nearby roads, stoning Arab cars and chanting:

"Death to the Arabs!" One Arab was stabbed in the head

and several Jews were

of the extreme right-wing Kach organisation, whose fi-

Kahane, was shot dead in New

Yitzhak Shamir, the prime

minister, returning from a trip

to Washington, called the

attack a terrifying murder. "I

believe our people will consult

on measures to prevent a

At least one right-wing politician, Yuval Neeman, the

science and energy minister,

spoke of a possible backlash

against Arabs. "If the govern-

ment will not take drastic

measures it won't be possible

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The distinctive yellow flags

leader, Rabbi Meir

Three more Jews

stabbed to death

From Paul Adams in Jappa

THREE Israelis were stabbed mosques. His comments came

to death yesterday in an alu- amid reports that the authori-

minium factory on the edge of ties are about to deport a this mixed Jewish-Arab town, number of local activists.

tims of a space of attacks on Yediot Ahronot said any move

Arabs outside the al-Aqsa Council, the scene of dead-

Police suspect Islamic mili- resolution to offer protection

tants of carrying out yes- for Palestinians in the occu-

ner, said slogans daubed on likely to fuel demands for

the factory walls indicated stricter controls on the num-that the outlawed Hamas org-

repetition of these kinds of ber of Arabs commuting to

neous Jewish execution little to do with security.

censorship of sermons in roots political activism.

Mr Neeman said he had Palestinian trade unions, said

been advocating the expulsion that the green card scheme

of intifada leaders and the was designed to combat grass-

terday's murders. The police pied territories, commissioner, Yaacov Ter- The latest kill

but "there's absolutely no at all" that sanctions would evidence whatsover that to get the point that it's force Iraq to disgorge Kuwait Saddam Hussein is prepared Saddam who's in trouble, and to ... withdraw

where they were most needed. lraq was able to produce receive Mr Aziz on Monday enough food to support itself. unless President Saddam Over time the sanctions would hurt his air power, but probmeanwhile the stand-off was sists this is too near the severely affecting the econo- January 15 UN deadline for

Just three days before the planned visit to Washington

United Nations sources

quoted in the newspaper

to deport Palestinians would

result in an anti-Israel on-

slaught at the UN Security

locked negotiations on a

The latest killings are also

to prevent repetition

jobs in Israel. Palestinians are

aiready worried by the num-

ber of special green identity

cards being issued, forbidding

holders from entering Israel.

Several trade unionists and

journalists have been issued

with the cards, prompting

fears that the restrictions have

Marty Rosenbloth, an Am-

erican who works with

"He believes Saddam needs if we have no meetings, so be Iraq had not withdrawn by the ability to direct resources to senior Republican. The Bush administration said it will not drops his insistence that he cannot see Mr Baker until January 12. Washington inthe use of force against Iraq, and is accusing the Iraqis of

> "He can see John Connally, he can see Muhammad Ali, he can see Ted Heath and so on, at 15 minutes' notice," one exasperated official was quoted as saying yesterday."
> You're telling me he doesn't have an hour or two hours or whatever it takes between

trying to buy time.

December 20 and January 3 to see the US Secretary of State?" The Pentagon is meanwhile continuing its detailed preparations for war. With the last of the US hostages arriving home yesterday, American military commanders are reportedly revising their lists of potential targets in Iraq to include military and other strategic installations where the hostages had been kept as "human shields". The Los Angeles Times reported that,

despite the administration's repeated assertions that military plans would not be influenced by the location of the hostages, certain "secondary" targets had in fact been declared off-limits.

The Pentagon has made contingency arrangements with civilian hospitals in the United States to provide specialised treatment or longer-term facilities for wounded American servicemen, a spokesman said. It has also activated, for the first time, a long-standing contract to precure extra blood and blood products from civilian

blood banks for Gulf use. On a lighter note, The Washington Post disclosed vesterday that the Pentagon has chartered the Cunard Princess, a luxury cruise ship, to go to the Gulf and provide three or four-day periods of rest and relaxation for up to 800 desert-weary servicemen at a time. The six-month groups of slaves, humanity charter is costing \$31 million | will enter a dark era, the future (£16.3 million), and the Penta-gon is looking for a second controlled (by the US) and the vessel despite fears of some officials that the ships could

Polis meanwhile show the American public to be deeply divided on whether America should go to war if Iraq has not withdrawn from Kuwait by January 15. A New York Times survey published yes-terday showed 45 per cent in favour of military action, and 48 per cent in favour of giving sanctions more time. However by 51 to 39 per cent respondents to a Wall Street Journal poll said an agreement under which Iraq with-

become terrorist targets.

drew from Knwait in return for concessions on a disputed

oilfield would be acceptable.



Iraq sees 'new dark era'

spoke of a dark new era if its forces lost a war in the Gulf. A victorious President Bush, it said, would turn into an international dictator and enslave poorer nations.

"Without victory, God forbid, a new American era will prevail over our world," said an editorial in al-Thawra, the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party. "It will be the era of international dictatorship where the American president turns out to be an international dictator."

Unless Iraq won, "the Third World nations will turn into situation will be worse than the days of old colonialism,"said al-Thawra.

Insisting that an Iraqi victory was close, al-Thawra said:"It is an honour for Arabism that Iraq and the Arab nation are confronting American arrogance, therefore the Arab nation in this battle has no alternative but victory by God's will."
With a United Nations

deadline authorising force to free Kuwait just a month away and direct talks between Washington and Baghdad deadlocked over disagreement on their timing, Iraq has become increasingly bellicose in recent days, dashing hopes it would make more con-Auti-war declaration, page 14 | cessions after deciding last

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ, posing as the defender week to allow all foreigners to said any war between Iraq and of the free world, yesterday leave. Iraq has accused the United States of trying to be the world's sole superpower in the

post-Cold War era, of trying to of future humanity". seize control of Arab oil resources and of having bullied, cajoled, bribed and states to secure 12 United Nations Security Council condemning Iraq. Al-Thawra rising oil prices.

ional forces "is Iraq's battle, Palestine's battle, the Third World's battle and the battle

In the early days of the confrontation over Kuwait, President Saddam Hussein threatened a whole range of tried to seize the moral high ground by offering free oil to Third World countries whose resolutions in four months economies were squeezed by

Defenders Growing of animal fears in rights get Jordan the hump

From Susan Ellicott

THOSE who doubt the American public's mettle to stomach a war in the Gulf must have sighed in despair at recent fuss made about a couple of camels. Pictures of United States forces' training exercise in Saudi Arabia had hardly flashed on to television screens when a Boston-based animal protection group wrote to President Bush's chief military adviser, Colin Powell.

its members complained at

seeing one of the beasts dead and another suffering while American officers made a frantic search for its owner even though the programme explained that Saudi law does not permit the killing of camels on humane grounds without their owners' permission. General Powell passed the note to Norman Schwarzkopf, the United States commander for Operation Desert Shield, whose legal advisers replied that the host country would bend the rules in future. The Saudis seem to hold no grudges: a group of Bedouin has donated a female camel named Suzie to give rides to off-duty troops.

Meanwhile, the human suffering in the Gulf is making compelling reading as news-papers in America appeal to families to share with millions of unknown compatriots the emotional letters from their loved ones in the desert. USA Today has been running a "letters home" corner guaranteed to leave dry the eyes of only granite-hearted readers: Dear mom and dad, Dear sweetheart, Dear folks, they begin, describing scorpions the size of fieldmice and snakes in their tents.

"Dear puddy-pie," wrote Sharon Foster, aged 22, to her 17-month-old son to explain why she and her husband, army medics, are away. "Not a day goes by where I don't call your name, picture your little face or yearn to hold you tight in my loving mother's arms." Charles Shahan, a private first class in the marines, aged wrote to his grandparents: Tve never really been scared before, until I came here. It's scary thinking I might not make it back."

of war

Amman - Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan said yesterday that there was a growing resignation among his 3.4 million compatriots to the possibility of a Gulf war in which Jordan, formerly a highly regarded strategic ally of the West, could become two hit by mortar fire during a involved (Christopher Walker writes).

In an interview with The Times, the prince also made a plea for issues such as the Palestine problem to be dealt with separately, so that Iraq and America could concentrate, in the weeks before the January 15 UN deadline, on Baghdad's invasion and annexation of Kuwait. The prince, who has been associated with the current peace mission of President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria, also called for confidence-building measures on both sides to help avoid war. He said that America had not paid sufficient regard to Iraq's recent decision to release all hostages.

Hungarian aid

Budapest - Hungary plans to send a volunteer medical team to the Gulf. A defence ministry spokesman said yes-terday that if parliament approves, Budapest will send a team of about 50 volunteers that could either work with British land forces in the region or assist a Saudi Ara-bian hospital. (Reuter)

Red Cross plea

Geneva - The Red Cross criticised Iraq yesterday for continuing to prevent its delegates from working in Kuwait and Iraq, and issued a notice to all signatories of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, which protect victims of war, as a reminder of the need to respect the provisions if hostilities start. (Reuter)

Tokyo defiant

Tokyo - Japan rejected criticism of its Gulf policy by hostages returning home in the past two weeks from Iraq. Tokyo has sent money but not troops to the international force. The government said that any separate deal would have fractured the alliance against President Saddam Hussein. (Reuter)

Home, but now job hunt begins

By JANET WHITMAN AND ANDREW MCEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ESCAPE from President Saddam Hussein's human shield and return to the UK. has left many of those who lived and worked in Kuwait with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The Gulf Support Group is now attempting to help 700 to 800 people who need to find work. David Dorrington, a former

hostage who works at the Gulf Support Group centre in London, counts himself lucky. His employer, a Kuwaiti bank, is continuing to pay him and has told him not to worry about his job, to which he intends to return once the confrontation is over. Others have not been so

fortunate. "People are coming back and not knowing what is going on," Mr Dorrington said. "Most of them have only the clothes they stand up in. All I've got are short-sleeved shirts and trousers not suitable for England now that the weather has changed." Many of the hostages had

jobs in Kuwait and the majority of them intend to return to the Gulf, but in the meantime they will need to find work. The support group, made up of 30 tp 40 volunteers, estimates that, of the 1,400 hostages who returned to Britain, 700 to 800 will be seeking employment. It cited the employment former hostage money. Some have no Douglas Hurd, the foreign who phoned to say that the clothes. company which had been paying half of his salary to his wife while he was being held have now told rum usey no those who have returned to war does break out. Mr Hurd longer have a job for him.



A former hostage, David Dorrington, helping his wife, Sue, at the office of the Gulf Support Group

ing to wear but a tatty jacket? People are reacting differently to those who have be employers who can give

jobs to these people." Louise Hamilton, the group's office co-ordinator, said that yesterday was dreadful. "Some former hostages haven't lived here for several years and they just don't know where to turn. They have no

The group now hopes to form a sub-group, the Kuwait Expatriates Group, to deal

"They've got to get jobs," said Britain. "We hope to keep Mr Dorrington, "but what do them going, as we kept their you do when you have noth- families going when they were away," Ms Hamilton said. The Foreign Office esti-

mates that there are now returned now that they are no about 35 Britons in Kuwait longer hostages. There must and 120 in Iraq, after the Thursday.

to Iraq, who travelled home with them, said he expected the number in Iraq would fall below 100 next week, including embassy staff. He is to discuss the situation with

They will discuss, among other matters, contingency plans for the 17 remaining wite white he was being here no with the problems faced by embassy staff in Baghdad if

is thought to be considering reducing the embassy to a skeleton staff, as was done in Kuwait in August. With most of the Britons already home, the heavy work load of recent weeks is expected to ease. Michael Weston and Larry

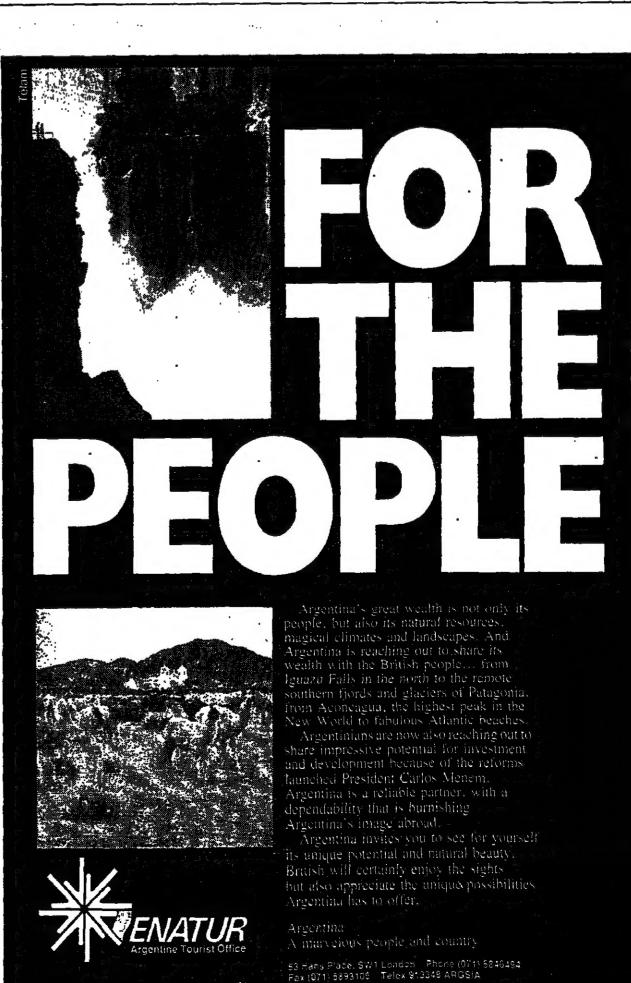
Banks, the two remaining diplomats in Kuwait, are expected home next week after completing their efforts to contact those Britons whom have stayed behind. They want to be sure that no one has missed warnings to leave broadcast by the BBC World Service. The departure of the two diplomats will mean that any remaining Europeans will have no further way of seeking consular help. They have been a point of contact for people from other EC countries, whose diplomats left earlier. Diplomats who left the

embassy in Kuwait in September were prevented from returning to Britain and have been working at the embassy in Baghdad, but no repetition of this problem is expected when Mr Weston and Mr Banks leave.

Mr Walker said that life in the embassy in Baghdad was departure of 23 people on normal, except for long days spent in the office. The im-Harold Walker, ambassador pression of normality is thought by observers to be artificial, fostered by Baghdad to maintain public confidence.

Mr Walker will not remain in Britain after the talks and a few days leave. He said he would probably return to Baghdad on December 28, which would mean missing his daughter's wedding in January.

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EC agrees to package of food aid for **Soviet Union**

here yesterday to begin urgent economy. food deliveries to the Soviet Union to stave off hunger in the big cities and reinforce the

The summit leaders broadly accepted proposals by Jacques Delors, the Commission president, put to EC finance ministers on Monday, for a minimum food aid package of 250 million ecus (£200 million). But there was sharp division among the Twelve on whether another 500 million ecus in loans should be made available, as proposed by M

The Soviet Union will also receive a further 400 million ecus in technical assistance in the coming year under its current co-operation agreement with the EC.

The leaders may leave a final decision on the total aid between grants and loans, to meet on Monday. M Delors He said the situation was exceptional and without immediate help "the Soviet Union could not be saved".

and Spain gave a warning, as the Germans to ensure that however, that huge credits to aid was properly delivered. Moscow would only burden the Russians with more debt, chancellor, underlined the

EUROPEAN leaders agreed overtaxing an already strained

But damping large amounts of food on the Soviet market would only undercut Soviet position of President producers and make the shortes worse. They want virtually all aid to be in the form of

> Despite earlier reservations, Britain joined its partners in supporting food aid. John Major said a clear message should go out from Rome that the community gave full backing for Mr Gorbachev and his

However he questioned the need for food on such a scale. There was no impending starvation. It was bad distribution, hoarding and racketeering that had led to the present crisis. Britain saw a strong case for food aid that went "directly to the hungry", and was within reasonable

financial limits. What the Soviet Union now needed was stock control, modern food-processing machinery and a lorry fleet. The EC should not give the strongly wreed them to give a Russians more than the econ-firm political commitment. omy could absorb. omy could absorb. Other EC leaders agreed. It

up in the burgeoning Soviet black market. They called on Britain, Germany, France the EC to take the same steps Helmut Kohl, the German

was vital EC aid did not end

much more in the long run. He reminded his partners of the huge sums the West could now save in military spending as a result of Mr Gorbachev's Felipe González, the Span-ish prime minister, said noth-

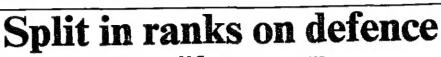
ing should be done which would give the impression the EC was trying to undermine central authority in the Soviet Union Rund Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, said

Community spirit: Douglas Hurd, left, the foreign secretary, and John Major talking with an interpreter before the opening of the EC summit in Rome yesterday. An Italian newspaper greeted the British team with the headline "Exit the Iron Lady, enter the Iron Chancellor" political importance to the the Russians really needed, community of supporting Mr and this should be better co-Gorbachev. There was no ordinated with international alternative to him. and if he

President Mitterrand of failed it would cost the EC France went further, he said the whole Soviet Union was in a state of emergency and the EC should help not only with food, but also in industry energy, distribution and telecommunication. "We must help Mr Gorbachev in good time." he said.

The community also discussed the worsening energy plight of Eastern Europe, and the huge economic difficulties

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By Andrew McEwen, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

DIFFERENCES between Western European Union ners over defence and security are to be aired during the inter-governmental conference on political union, one of two EC conferences which will be given a formal opening in

The government is expected to oppose a proposal by the German chancellor, Helmut Kohl, and President Mitterrand that the nine-nation

European Council, which congovernment. There is concern that this could shift the main emphasis away from the North Atlantic Alliance.

The Franco-German proposal stemmed from a paper written by the WEU's secretariat, based in London. The secretariat's recommendation

placed under the European Britain and its European part- should be placed under the Council, with the aim of enabling the heads of state and sists of the 12 heads of state or government to discuss all aspects of Europe's defence and security without there being any "taboo" subjects. This would make clearer the long-term commitment to a European Union including a defence dimension ...".

The paper argues that the

EC has already made such a

Hungary changes economic advisers

Budapest - As Hungary faces a harsh winter of discontent over rising prices and onemployment, Jozsef Antall the prime minister yesterday announced the first phase of a cabinet reshuffle aimed at streamlining economic policymaking, (Ernest Beck writes).

Ferenc Rabar, the finance minister, and Gyorgy Matolcsy, the prime minister's chief economic adviser, who often clashed over the pace and scope of economic restructuring, were relieved of their posts. The long-awaited reshuffle ends weeks of bickering between the two men which had left economic programmes in disarray.

Mr Rabar will be replaced by Mihaly Kupa, who wrote Hungary's new tax laws two years ago, and is seen as a pragmatic financial expert. Mr Kupa told journalists that though the country is in a "crisis situation" he would pursue a mixed economic reform programme to avoid social tensions in the transition to a market economy.

Snub for Rock

Madrid - The Spanish government turned down a Gibraltar offer to open its airport to Spanish airliners because it was outside the scope of the bilateral agreement between Britain and Spain. Joe Bossano was quoted here as saying he would agree to joint use of the airport "provided such utilisation is not considered to the Spanish-British agreement of 1987", which Gibraltar has opposed from the beginning.

Bangladesh poll

Dhaka — Bangladesh is to hold partiamentary elections on March 2. The poll date was announced as political leaders pondered what to do with Hussain Mohammad Ershad who was ousted as president last week. He is under house arrest, but no charges have been brought against him. The government is torn between putting him on trial for corruption and abuse power, or sending him into exile abroad.

Land policy Harare - President Mugabe

of Zimbabwe yesterday justified his government's plans to scize white-owned farmland, saying it was necessary to counter the slipping fortunes of his government. He Zanu (PF) party central com stand in our way to the acquisition of any land we identify". He admitted that political apathy was creening into the "mass structures" of

Refugee protest

Hong Kong — Seven Vict-namese boat people from a detention camp were in hospital yesterday after setting fire to themselves in a protest at being classed as "economic migrants" with no right to Sanctions line, page 11 migrants" with no right R. W. Johnson, page 12 resettlement in the West.

De Klerk offered sanctions hope

From ROBIN OAKLEY EXPECTATION was growing no intention of relaxing yet the

among delegations at the measures agreed in 1985, European Council in Rome which included a ban on the last night that EC leaders export of "sensitive" equipwould agree to ease trade ment for the South African sanctions against South Africa police and armed forces, the to give encouragement to President de Klerk's pro- ban on new collaboration in gramme of dismantling nuclear energy projects.

Mrs Thatcher, when prime

The most likely gesture appeared to be an ending of drop trade sanctions. She the ban on new investment on criticised other community South Africa, agreed by the leaders after the Dublin sum-1986. The voluntary ban has already been relaxed by Britain and Italy.

EC leaders, encouraged by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, was said yesterday to be keen to send a signal of encouragement to President de Klerk, although there was resistance from Ireland and Denmark to any easing of productive.

The relaxation of the investment ban was expected to be the limit of EC action for the yesterday with Herr Kohl. moment, with further moves to be dependent on more progress in South Africa. There was understood to be

cessation of oil exports and a

minister, had urged the EC to community in September mit earlier this year for failing to give encours President de Klerk's reforms. John Major, her successor,

and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, have not played a prominent part in the latest efforts to secure an easing of sanctions, as it was felt that conspicuous British involvement could prove counter

Mr Major did not raise the subject of South African sanctions at his bilateral meeting

Handbag of tributes to a woman scorn'd

By MICHAEL BINYON

Tever was woman so missed. It took a stupefied Britain days to realise she was gone. The European Community still cannot come to terms with her absence. Who now will push herself forward to the centre of the family photograph? Who will now prick the balloon of Euro-babble, speak the harsh words so many secretly love to hear? Who will now abuse her fellow leaders with such engaging condescension?

The most flowery tributes, of course, were paid by those who manoeuvred most skilfully to ambush Margaret Thatcher at her last appearance here. "We will miss her as the only lady sitting with us." Pio Mastrobuoni, the Italian prime minister's spokesman, said with silver-haired gallantry. Was it coincidence that the second Rome summit has moved out of the Palazzo Madama, named after another Margaret of more distant Italian history, into the Palazzo Monte Citorio?

Oh for a demon figure against whom the angels of European unity can stand out in shining colours! Oh for a bad fairy to send a frisson and pronounce a curse at the birth of the mewling European union! Could Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, not be persudaded to throw around his massive bulk, to goad the community into action with ultimata, threats of Germany pressing its national interest? No way. The very thought struck horror into German officials. "Germany wants to reassure all its European neighbours that it is a dependable partner. It seeks no solo role. It knows the borrors of nationalism . . . And so began the standard Kohlenscher lecture on the peaceful aspirations of a European Germany. Clearly no scope here for taking over Mrs Thatcher's role.

Nor did her successor show any willing-ness to play the game. Every meeting the new boy had with his colleagues in the EC class was "very friendly", marked by "close agreement", "determination to co-operate fully", "positive exchanges".

Mr Major was all smiles and glasses in the television pictures; no sign of the famous handbag. He even began straight-away, we were told, to call Herr Kohl by his: Christian name. And did the chancellor, never one for languages, again commit his apocryphal gaffe, when he told Maggie in English at one of their first meetings: "You can call me you"? (Alas, she too was mys-tified by the difference between the more distant Sie and chummy du).

But if Mrs Thatcher is missed, how much more are British sources (aka Bernard Ingham). Where now are there growling dismissals of the claptrap that others talk, their jowly analysis of why it member states are isolated? Gus O'Donnell, inheriting the famous pseudonym, is all bland politeness and freshfaced pleasantry. What he does not know, he says he does not know. What hack is happy with such colourless stuff? Mr Major has promised there will be no confrontstion. But things may improve. He may still get into a fight with Jacques Delors, who was warning him only days ago that the community wants deeds not words from Britain. Britain has done all its quarelling with Italy. But there is Luxembourg to come now, and Jacques Santer, the prime minister, and Jacques Poos, the foreign minister, are itching to put their little country back on the map again with a grand gesture of accelerated integration.

They may start off with a fine argument. Italy has yet again passed the buck on where to site the new European environment agency and other new bodies looking for a home. France is again ready to blackmail its partners into insisting that nothing moves until Strasbourg is con-firmed as the permanent site of European parliamentary sessions. What it needs is a strong figure to knock heads together. Mrs Thatcher, where are you now?

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THOUSANDS of striking workers

took to the streets of Timisoara

yesterday evening as the city

prepared to celebrate the anniver-

sary of the Romanian revolution

which began there a year ago this

As night fell, the workers

marched through the town centre

carrying anti-government banners

and demanding the resignation of

President Iliescu and the prime

minister, Petre Roman. One slo-

gan shouted by the workers was:

liescu is the best pig to slaughter

plant and by yesterday had spread

to other enterprises employing up

to 10,000 workers. The Timisoara

THE Albanian president, Ramiz

Alia, yesterday enlisted the sup-

port of the first Albanian oppo-

Party, in an effort to prevent the

wave of unrest spreading.

sition party, the Democratic

In the important steel town of

Elbasan, more than 4,000 factory

workers took to the streets yes-

terday and were alleged to have

stoned the local Communist Party

headquarters and police offices.

The factory has faced growing

unrest for several months, with

workers protesting at wage cuts

Gramoz Pashko, an economics

professor and a Democratic Party

leader, said yesterday: "We must

do something for the workers, and

quickly. They are impatient and

At least 10 demonstrators were

injured in Thursday's protests in

the northern Albanian city of

Shkoder. There were bloody

clashes between several thousand

demonstrators and at least 400

policemen for more than six

hours. Only the deployment of the

According to the official Alba-

nian news agency, 30 demon-

army restored order.

and the absence of any reforms.

industrial unrest comes after the reforms. A week ago President

Tirana rulers seek

ally in opposition

From Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan in belgrade

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Striking workers call on Iliescu to resign

in Timisoara protest

a general strike call by the militant drivers' union, whose lorries had been parked on the outskirts of Bucharest ready to isolate the

capital if their demands were not Students across Romania continued their own strikes but yesterday their leader, Marian Munteanu, said that it would have to be abandoned unless they were

joined by "workers and other social categories". Clearly nervous that the revolutionary celebrations, which are due to begin with a big opposition on Thursday at the Electrobanat rally in Timisoara tomorrow, could spark violent unrest, the government has recently promised to slow its painful economic

strators have been arrested in

Leaders of the Democratic

Party appeared on television again

yesterday to condemn the rioting

in Shkoder and similar distur-

bances in Kavaje where, according

to official reports, more than a

thousand teenagers hurled stones at public buildings on Thursday,

including the Communist Party

Arlen Imami, one of the Demo-

cratic Party's activists, echoed

President Alia's appeal for calm

yesterday saying: "Violent

demonstrations can only slow

down the progress of democracy."

government conviction that

provocateurs and dark forces"

were behind the unrest. As the

opposition leadership is drawn

exclusively from the ruling elite, it

remains to be seen whether it can

enjoy any real credibility outside

the capital, Tirana. Witnesses

there yesterday spoke of a growing

fear that the country will slide

shortly into civil war between

Communists and moderate

intellectuals supported by the

Opposition sources shared the

headquarters.

Iliescu announced the postpone-ment of big increases in the price of basic foodstuffs and in the runup to Christmas more food has been seen in the shops than for several months. Mr Roman's government has

been coming under increasing pressure since November 1, when he started to implement his radical economic reform plan. The prices of the few goods available have since more than doubled. Shoes for example, when they can be found, now cost the equivalent of

Speaking earlier in the week, Mr Roman said that the popular discontent was "justified" but that the government had "not commit-ted any errors which, in turn, would justify our replacement". He also blamed sections of the media for heightening social ten-

On Thursday, parliament ap-

pealed for calm and issued a resolution saying: "The political

and economic reform needed by the country cannot be achieved without a climate of peace . . . and co-operation between all parties While the government is under increasing pressure because of the parlous state of the economy,the anniversary of the revolution is bound to reopen several questions concerning the events of last December. A year after the violence in which more than a thousand people died, no one knows for certain who actually killed them. Only 35 people have been convicted for their part in the

killings. Of late the government has begun to talk of the increasing

infiltration of foreign agents'

into Romania and echoing the

testimony of Iulian Vlad, the

former head of the Securitate, at

his trial. It has even been sug-

gested that the uprising in Timisoara was begun by these same mysterious foreign agents. Meanwhile, the Right Rev Laszio Tokes, Bishop of Oradea, an ethnic Hungarian whose resis-tance sparked last December's event, has been subjected to increasing harassment by the progovernment press. Azi, the newspaper of the ruling National Salvation Front, has even accused

him of a "thirst for power".



Final reckoning: an exhausted Tadeusz Mazowiecki addressing the lower house of the Polish

parliament yesterday in Warsaw on his last appearance as prime ministe

No fanfare for Mazowiecki exit

POLAND buried the first Solidarity government yesterday. Par-liament, by a vote of 224 to 16, accepted the resignation of the prime minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who when he came to power in September 1989 was the first non-communist head of govern-

ment in the Soviet bloc. It was a quiet funeral. The excitement that ushered in the Solidarity administration 15 months ago has fizzled out; the prime minister had to go. The cabinet opted to resign with him. sense that Poland was on the brink of a grand trail-blazing experiment has been replaced by the exhaustion that was clearly reflected on

the features of the defeated prime

"Our government is leaving after having done only half of

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW what it intended to do," Mr Mazowiecki told the lower house (Sejm) in his farewell speech. "But our drafts have either been completed or work is beginning on them." Much of Mr Mazowiecki's speech was an implicit indictment of Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, who forced early presidential elections.

When Mr Walesa resoundingly

defeated Mr Mazowiecki in the

with society. We had two basic

goals - to overcome the economic

crisis and to build a democratic

state. Unfortunately, this road has

been destroyed." How much of the Mazowiecki government will remain in place is still unclear. Mr Walesa, when he is sworn in as president in the coming days, seems certain to choose the 60year-old political defence lawyer Jan Olszewski as his prime min-

minister, Dr Leszek Balcerowicz, to persuade him to stay on and first round, it was obvious that the continue his austerity programme. There are other candidates for the job of finance minister if Dr Balcerowicz decides to abandon The foundation of our government was mutual understanding government, but a great deal of international confidence, including that of the International

Monetary Fund, hinges on his

political survival.

ister. Mr Olszewski has held

preliminary talks with the finance

Moscow dusts off 'daubing of fools'

EXACTLY twenty-eight years after Nikita Khrushchev pronounced his disgust with abstract art, dismissing it as "the daubing of fools" and banning its public display, the artists have their

revenge - and it is sweet. While Khrushchev has lain in the Novodevichy cemetery these 19 years, the pictures he so disparaged have gained a second life. They have been brought out of the cellars and vaults, dusted off, and will provide the focus for a vast exhibition of abstract art which opens in Moscow on Monday. Almost 1,000 paintings and sculptures, most of them by the artists denounced by Khrushchev, will go on show in the same central exhibition hall, the Manezh,

where he gave his fateful verdict. Yesterday, as banging and sawing echoed through the cavernous hall and staff finalised the hanging, those who recalled the events of 1962 were near to tears as they saw the pictures of their youth displayed again. Here and there, a familiar painting catches the eye; but the overriding impression even now is the class of the exhibits. In what one of the exhibition staff described as "a small scandal", more than 200

were hidden until now. Introducing the exhibition, Eli Belyutin, whose studio drew the young iconoclastic artists of the post-war generation and was last year revived for the first time since 1962, spoke for many when he said: "We could never have imagined that after all these years we would encounter so much goodwill." He said that the exhibition, entitled "Manezh '62 -Manezh '90: the new reality", had been arranged at the wish of Mikhail Gorbachev and his presidential council.

be full of congress delegates from the provinces. The abstract, but still identifiable, naked bodies and the suggested violence will draw objections. The guardians of public morality, newly invigorated by Mr Gorbachev's instruction to clamp down on pornography and raise moral standards, will also be ready. The rest, however, will be queuing in their hundreds.

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But not all is likely to go

smoothly even when it has opened. Next week, Moscow will

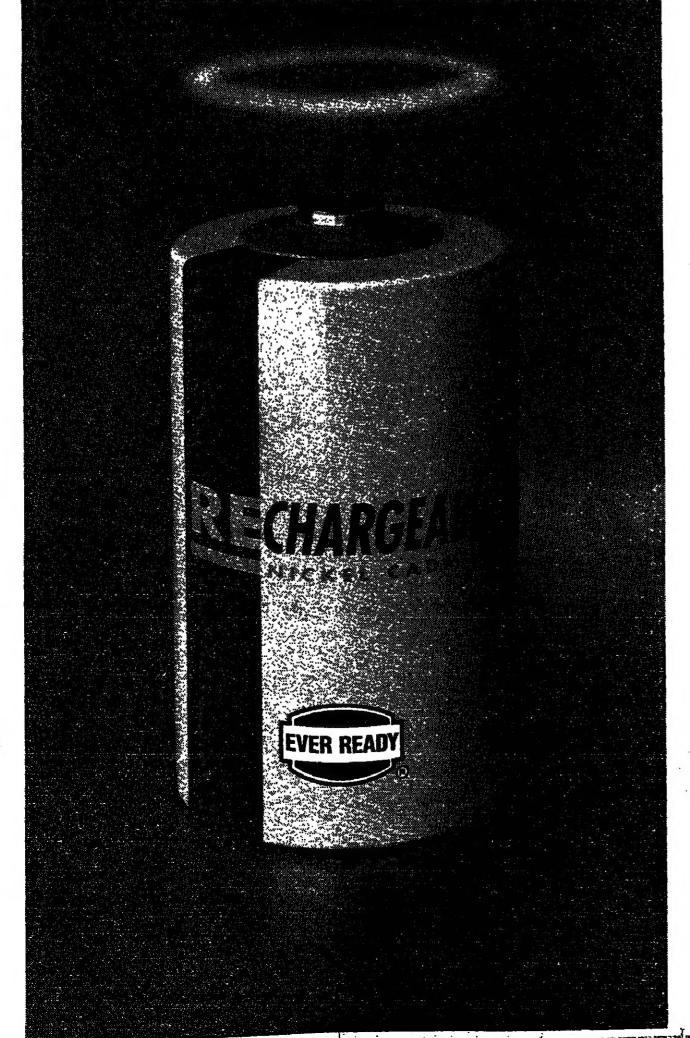
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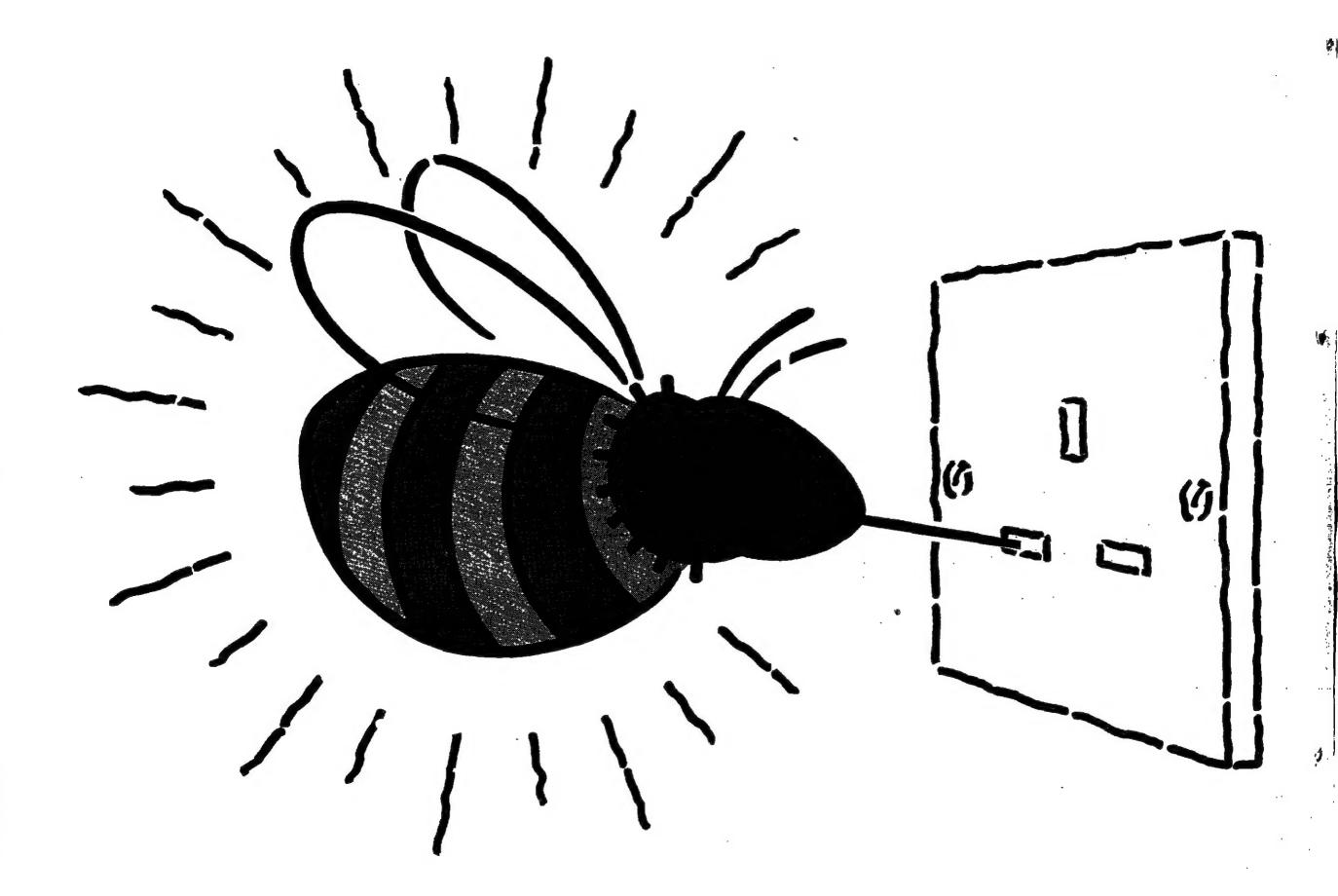
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White House feud deprives Bush of new party chief

Party, William Bennett, has House philosopher. But it become the latest victim of the soon became clear that a ideological and tactical in- dispute had been fought befighting which has turned the tween Mr Bennett and Mr "kinder, gentler" White
House into a capital joke.
While Mr Bush's eyes have
been fixed on the Gulf, splits

ween Mr Bush's chief of staff, John
Sunum. The result is that Mr
Bennett, who might have been
one of the few powerful righthave grown within his party which may soon threaten the presidency, according to senior aides.

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The news that the rumbustious right-wing Mr Bennett, the former anti-drug tsar, had left the chairmanship came as a shock. The president had appointed him barely two weeks ago. But of greater interest were the conflicting

accounts of who pushed him. Officially the villain was Mr Bennett's desire to earn a fortune from books and

Boy tells of night Mendes was killed

From Louise Byrne IN RIO DE JANETRO

ON THE third day of the trial of the ranchers accused of murdering Chico Mendes, the Brazilian rubber tapper and ecologist, a 15-year-old boy told the court in the Amazonian town of Xapuri that on the night the victim died he overheard Darly Alves, a ranch owner, say: The cow is caught. Tomorrow we will kill it and have a barbeque."

Senhor Alves is accused of masterminding the death of Mendes in December 1988. His son, Darci, is accused of carrying out the murder. The key witness for the prosecu-tion, Genesio Ferreira da Silva, told the court that about three hours after Mendes died, the younger Alves arrived at the family ranch and told his father: "The man is dead."

The teenager, who lived seven years, also said that the family had wanted to kill Mendes for some time. Before the teenager began to give evidence, the judge agreed to the prosecution's request that the accused be removed from the court to avoid intimidation. The young ranch hand has been in hiding in Brazil since he agreed to give evidence almost two years ago.

He told those who have Xapuri that "he wanted to see the case through to the end". He also said: "If the death of Chico had not happened, I would have certainly become a gunman." The third day was expected to be taken up by evidence from about ten

The judge, the prosecutor, the Mendes family lawyers and rubber tapper leaders cannot go out at night unaccompanied for fear of being attcked. Xapuri has become accustomed to fear.

PRESIDENT Bush's choice speeches about his days as for chief of the Republican drug tsar and resident White wing advocates for Mr Bush in the next two years, might oppose him for the Repub-lican nomination in 1992.

Mr Bennett is the second senior figure this week to feel "the wrath of Sununu". On Wednesday the education secretary, Lauro Cavazos, resigned. The Bennett departure is more serious. Mr Bennett has open presidential

The White House strategy was to keep him on the inside and encourage him to set his hopes on the end of Mr Bush's second term in 1996. The president had corralled the two other most prominent right-wingers, the housing and urban development secretary, Jack Kemp, and the Texas senator, Phil Gramm, who has recently been made head of the Senate Republican cam-

paign committee.

This Sununu plan to curb conservative criticism of the president, which has been growing since the abandon-ment of the "no new taxes" pledge and exacerbated by fears of war, is now in tatters. The White House staff was already at odds over the socalled "new paradigm" pro-gramme of radical populist measures, which influential junior sides, opposed to Mr Sumunu, want to see incorporated in the new year State of the Union speech.

The young right-wingers see the president's closest advisers as bureaucratic and elitist dubbing them "social Dar-manists" after the White House budget director, Richard Darman, architect of the tax-raising budget deal. Now the fiery Mr Bennett, a ready spokesman for education cracy and other conservative issues, is outside the tent and many White House advis-

do to those who staved inside. According to statements, the reason for Mr Bennett's withdrawal was his insistence that he be allowed to fulfil two publishing contracts and earn speaking fees which had been agreed by White House counsel but this agreement was later withdrawn.

More important, however,

was the anger of Mr Sununu,

who while initially supporting supported him since he fled the appointment had resented that he be allowed sole access to the president. When Mr Bennett tested his rights with Mr Bush and Mr Sununu, forcing the president to ask his chief of staff to leave the room, Mr Summu's mood was tense. When an account of the snub appeared in The Washington Times, Mr Sumunu, in the words of one Republican "went ballistic" and insisted that the heat be turned up under Mr Bennett until he departed.

Haiti's poor pray for priest to win

THE impoverished Haitian masses await the rainy season every year to rid them of the piles of stinking rubbish choking the ravines and gulleys Duvalierist diehards. Since he which dissect their sprawling slums. In Creole, they call the cleansing flood lavalas.

Tomorrow the poorest people in the Western hemisphere are praying that another deluge will sweep Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a priest aged 37, into power as their president, and that with his victory the stubborn remnants of Duvalierism will be washed away.

Father Aristide is Haiti's black avenging angel. A diminutive figure with a choirboy face framed in goldrimmed spectacles, it was he elled in the countryside, ragwho called on Haitians to drive out the Tontons Macoute, the brutal enforcers of ister the interior through a the old regime, in the wake of potent blend of voodoo and "Baby Doc" Duvalier's flight into gilded exile in February 1986. Dozens of Macoutes name, reduced to the affecwere hacked to death by mobs

in the days that followed. Yet many escaped the popular vengeance and, in league with a corrupt and ill-disciplined army, the survivors of educated conservative banker, the 30-year dictatorship have seen as enjoying the backing of stood in the way of a democratic transition. An earlier was the undisputed front runattempt to elect a new presi- ner until Father Aristide endent was cancelled in Novem-tered the race. His slick dent was cancelled in Novem-campaign and nationwide

Father Aristide, a latecomer in the 11-strong presidential field, promises that he alone can now do away with the declared his candidacy on October 15, his campaign under the slogan Se lavalas (It's the deluge) - has gathered the momentum of a political tidal wave threatening to destroy all those in his path.

Unbelievers in Father Aristide's messianic powers point out that the little priest's support is built round the jobless youths of the city slums where he taught and preached for years until his Salesian Order dismissed him for meddling in politics.

But wherever he has travged peasants have defied the feudal chieftains who adminviolence, turning out in delirious throngs to chant Aristide's tionate diminutive Titid.

Only one candidate has been given a chance of stopping a first-round landslide. Marc Bazin, a suave, French-



Off the shoulder; President Bush taking off his overcoat and suit jacket together during the ceremony of the lighting of America's national Christmas tree in Washington, watched with fascination by his grandson, Sam LeBlond, left. At the ceremony, Mr

Bush spoke of the 260,000 American military personnel stationed in the Gulf region. He declared: "We feel pride thinking of our young men and distant deserts and on the waters of the ... Gulf, for their courage is the true

extinguished." Earlier, Mr Bush met seven Americans who were held captive for the four months since Iraqi troops overran Kuwait on August 2. It was the president's first meeting with

Tambo points to softening of ANC line on sanctions

From Gavin Bell in Johannesburg

its hardline stand on sanc-tions, Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, confirmed yesterday at a consultative conference of the organisation on the outskirts of Soweto.

Mr Tambo, aged 73, who returned from exile on Thursday, told more than 1,600 delegates: "It is no longer enough for us to repeat the tried slogans. We should carefully re-evaluate the advisability of insisting on sanctions. given the new developments in the country and abroad."

ers note that trade sanctions are having little impact, and the diplomatic boycott has all but collapsed. They propose a gradual easing of trade, cultural and sports sanctions, but that financial, arms and oil embargos should remain. There should be discussions with the international business community, in preparation for investment in a postapartheid South Africa.

After three decades of repression, the ANC senses it is when there was such an close to gaining power and it is amount of promise, in an hour resolved to do so as quickly as so packed with possibilities of possible by compelling the government to resign under popular pressure. The dra-

THE African National Con- matic turnaround in the gress is considering softening ANC's fortunes since it was unbanned in February was apparent at the conference.

A year ago, all the singing dancing activists were outlaws, and their leaders were either in prison or in exile. Under the slogan "peace and freedom now", they are now earnestly debating strategy for realising their dream of a nonracial democracy.

Short-term tactics expected to be approved by the conference include mass demonstrations to press demands for an interim government and an post-apartheid constitution. The overall aim is to seize the initiative from the government, and to exercise control over the negotiations process.

The sense of impending victory, however illusory it may prove to be, was expressed by Mr Tambo. He declared: "Freedom looms large on the horizon. We are finally seeing light at the end of a long and dark tunnel ... we have never met at a time

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An elite with no answer

Clifford Longley

Britain's commitment in the Gulf is second only to the American, and in Britain there is wider cross-party support. Opposition comes principally from the left of the Labour party and from within the churches. And it is more the religious intelligentsia than the official religious leadership that is marching at the head of the peace column: the "religentsia", or at least a good part of it.

The religentsia, it seems, would not fight for Queen and country, nor for the UN. Its attitude has had a striking influence on church leaders in Britain, who seem anxious not to defy too directly the pacifist intellectual consensus.

It is an elite group. Last month more than 100 of its members signed a public anti-war declaration, and almost every one was a professor, a bishop, a religious superior, a theologian of known repute or something equivalent. They included the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev John Baker, the Bishop of Edinburgh, the Right Rev Richard Holloway, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth, the Right Rev Crispian Hollis - three of the leading churchmen of their

Even more remarkable was the intellectual shoddiness of the document they signed. It is so full of holes it is hardly worth tearing to pieces, though the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, duly performed the task in last week's Tablet. He concluded: "Sadly, this makes war

more likely." An unspecified "Arab opinion" floats into and out of the text. allegedly holding certain views or drawing certain conclusions unfavourable to the West. No undergraduate essay writer - and most these people have marked a lot of undergraduate essays in their time - would be allowed to get away with so phoney a rhetorical device. The more serious bits of the 800-word document skip over non sequiturs with a facility Saddam Hussein himself would

The conclusion, not surprisingly, neither follows from the premises nor is supported by the argument, in so far as there is one. That conclusion, equally not surprisingly, is against military action in the Gulf.

That may be right or wrong, and it is best to assume that the case against a Gulf war is rather stronger than this one. But why did anybody sign such a pathetic

Every one of the signatories could surely have done a first-class job of it with a little effort. Bishop Harries, who accused them of WORKL IND surely be right when he remarked: "During the last decade some Christian churches in Britain have been so opposed to Mrs Thatcher that many Christians now have a knee-jerk hostility towards every

government policy. Even stronger is the tide of anti-Americanism that runs in the world..." He might have added, too, a religiousmoral snobbery towards anything in uniform, anything military. In other words, no project involving both the CIA and Mrs Thatcher

could possibly be honourable or noble, so please pass the pen, we don't need to read the words. This is a classic trahison des clercs. Needless to say, it has nothing to do with Christianity, a religion

whose ideals are pacifist but which lives in the real world where ideals are sometimes out of reach. Because of the human inclination to wickedness and the tendency for all power to corrupt, known in classical Christian teaching as original sin, big countries will swallow small countries, tyrants will suppress human rights, minorities will be persecuted, wars will break out, millions of innocent people will die, for ever

Realising that, and painfully aware of the failure of the League of Nations over Ethiopia and Manchuria, Churchill, Roosevelt and their colleagues devised the boldest remedy they could think of, a new world order. Never again would Hitler and his like be tolerated. Every nation was to be invited to pledge itself to observe certain minimum standards of civilised conduct, to abide by international law, to live in peace with its neighbour, to lend its military strength to enforce these rules if necessary, and to participate in the policy-making of a new United Nations Organisation. It was the very incarnation of the

brotherhood of man. Here was worth something dying for. And if it was to work, real people would have to die for it. Deliberate willingness to sacrifice one's life for others and for the highest good is known in Christianity as martyrdom, the ultimate moral act. "Greater love hath no man . . .

Every noble dream has a nightmare attached, and the UN has had its share. At last, however, after more than 40 years of suspended animation, the real UN ideal lives again. A force of warriors has been assembled. whose moral dignity comes not from the fact that they are prepared to go into battle to kill, but that they are prepared to go into battle to be killed, for a greater moral purpose than their own survival.

Each must be praying that the bitter cup will pass him by, but they know it will not pass them all. They are entitled to know that the cause they might die for is the minimit of human schievement so far, a vision of a lasting peace time in history.

Meanwhile, the British religious élite, the religentsia, can only sneer that such delusions do not even warrant a serious and thoughtful answer.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

by a banner in Derbyshire by a battle-hardened disis lodged firmly in my mind. It was Christmas Day, and, being the local MP, I was doing the rounds of the hospitals and institutions.

This is a depressing duty at Christmas: most of those fit enough to know who they are have been judged fit enough to spend the day with their families. As a result, those with whom the MP spends his time are, almost by definition, unlikely to know what an MP is, let alone appreciate his attentions, Still, I did it. The Member of Parliament for West Derbyshire had always done it.

Health service staff were obliged to accompany me. And it was while going the rounds with the district nurse that we stopped in a particularly hopeless geriatric ward. Creatures who were barely sentient gibbered in their iron-caged beds. I murmured something sympathetic. The district nurse looked at me, sharply.

"Huh!" she grunted. "I blame the central heating. Before that, one good Derbyshire winter would have cut through this lot like a knife through butter."

The media, I think, would not care for that sentiment, "The media" are, of course, deeply caring, socially responsible, and passionately concerned about the environment". The "caring" message is that the elderly must be kept by public funds at guaranteed room-temperatures throughout the winter, and that the central heating of every citizen's bousehold or office, and every public institution, is a fundamental human right, to be provided - if necessary - at the Exchequer's expense.

The "socially responsible" element chips in to add (for instance) that every yard of every street and motorway should be artificially lit all night; that empty buses and trains should proceed in all directions at all hours on the offchance that someone might need them; and that scares over salmonella and so on teach us prudently to regard the domestic refrigerator as a place for food to pause briefly during its passage from the super- overwhelming.

remark once made to me market shelf to the dustbin. But that is only half of the

conventional wisdom. The "environmentally concerned" half has a different message. It says we must husband our planet's resources. We must not waste food. We must save our forests, conserve our fossilreserves, cut down our carbon dioxide emissions and remove the aluminium tabs from cans, for recycling.

I sense a tension between these two halves of what a forward-thinking person be-lieves. If there is a single policy most likely to contribute to the plunder of common resources, it is the provision - to all, as of right, and "free at the point of use" - of a generous guaranteed measure of food, warmth, cloth-

ing and light. For what are the Earth's two greatest problems, if not overpopulation and the wasteful depletion of finite resources? Yet nothing uses up resources

faster than the measures we take to keep ourselves safe, clean and warm. By insisting that not just our bodies, but every cubic yard of every room - occupied or not - of the houses we live in is heated day and night; by taking hot baths and showers almost obsessively, discharging soap, detergent and disinfectant on a scale previously undreamed of; by flushing gallons of expen-sively purified water down the loo every time we urinate; by insisting that we put not a foot out of doors after dark except in conditions of intense artificial illumination; by holding it a duty to prolong our own lives way beyond their natural limits: and by demanding these things not only for ourselves, but for the poor in the rich countries. and, finally, the poor in the poor countries too, we must surely be on course to wreck the globe

before the century is out. If people were colder, dirtier and hungrier, then more would die and those who lived would take less of a toll on global resources. Two problems would be solved at once. The greens say that economic growth is the enemy of our planet. But one can go further. The environmental case for reactionary social policy seems to me to be

Ian McIntyre on The Listener's noble aspirations, and the reason for its death

Cultural uplift that declined and fell

arly in 1929 Sir John Reith, the first director general of the BBC, wrote in his diary of the controversial plan to launch The Listener: "Apparently every newspaper in the country is trying to prevent our publishing it." He would not be worried, though, "if only the damn silly governors would keep out of it".

The governors obliged, and Reith arranged matters as he quite often contrived to do. Within ten years, the new weekly was selling 50,000 copies. It peaked in 1949 at 151,350. By this week, when the life-support system was finally turned off, the circulation had sunk well below the 27,000 it schieved in its first year of

The Listener was a proving exception to the rule that nothing is ever achieved by a committee. The committee in question had been set up under Sir Henry Hadow, a distinguished musician and educationist, with the Fabian historian G.D.H. Cole among its members. The recommendations of its report, New Ventures in Broadcasting, published in 1928, included the establishment of a weekly magazine that would publish broadcast talks and gen-

By that autumn, a young Oxford-educated pacifist called Richard Lambert had been appointed editor and dummies were in preparation. (Lambert was a man of spirit. When he applied for an educational appointment with the BBC two years earlier, Reith asked him: "Do you accept the fun-damental teachings of Jesus Christ?" Lambert paused briefly,

It was the second dummy that lit the blue paper because it showed that the BBC proposed to publish not just the verbatim text of talks, but also pictures, book reviews and articles on broadcast music. From the earliest days, the newspaper proprietors had be-lieved that radio would damage their advertising revenue. They had already been caught napping by Radio Times, which had begun to yield a sizeable revenue. This looked like more of the same.

then answered in the negative).

"It is without doubt a profitmaking proposition," complained the Financial News. "The project is thoroughly objectionable," said the New Statesman. Stanley Baldwin received a deputation at

erally promote the BBC's adult agreed: the paper would not contain more than 10 per cent of original material not related to broadcasting, a cunningly clastic form of words that left the editor much scope for ingenuity. The BBC also said it did not intend to accept for The Listener more advertisements than were necessary, with its other revenue, to

> COVER ITS INCOL COST. This was a tremendous liberation for the new magazine, because it effectively established the primacy of the editor over the advertisement director. External opposition gave way to internal friction, notably with the talks department, which feared that its broadcasters would forget the coaching they had been given in how to sound colloquial and revert to a "literary" style.

> The paper quickly threw off any idea that its editorial brief was narrowly educational and established itself, in Lambert's phrase, as "a vehicle of general culture". With people of the calibre of the young Janet Adam Smith as literary editor, a rigorous standard of reviewing was established.

There was a lot of coaxing to be done. Desmond MacCarthy had to be persuaded that his famous talks some years ago of pretending that

on books would translate successfully into print; various BBC panjandrums had to be reassured that Sir Herbert Read did not really favour "Bolshevism" in art; some of Reith's fellow members of the Athenaeum had to be convinced that not all contemporary fiction was "unwholesome".

Within a year of its launch, the list of contributors included Beatrice Webb ("Taking the Strain off Parliament"), Solly Zuckerman ("Monkeys and Men") and Bronislaw Malinowski ("Race and Labour"). Vita Sackville-West was reviewing new novels and her husband, Harold Nicholson, was expatiating on "People and Things". The paper developed a reputation for the quality of its illustrations — it was in The Listener that many people first encountered Gwen Raverat's work - and until the coming of Picture Post it could boast to be the best-illustrated threepenny maga-

zine in the country. So who killed this cock-robin of the weeklies? Television, with its little eye? Far too facile a correla-tion. The fact is that the paper had been dying in slow motion for a long time. It went through a phase it wasn't really The Listener at all but a cross between The Speciator and The New Statesman. It became afflicted with various forms of fashionability. It had crased to radiate editorial purpose and

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It had also begun, perhaps inevitably, to reflect some of the uncertainties and anxieties of the powerful public corporation which had brought it into being. The paper which had been blessed in its cradle with exemption from the profit motive was thrust into the market place and told that it ought to try and wash its face like any other self-respecting little milch

The paper had flourished in the broad acres of public-service broadcasting. The soil in those fields was now too thin to sustain it. There was one last despairing throw - the bizarre notion that Independent Television could be drawn in as elderly stepfather and that The Listener could somehow be transformed into a magazine serving the "broadcasting in-dustry" as a whole.

There's an old rhyme that fits: Rattle his bones over the stones: He's only a pauper whom nobody owns!

Behind the clenched fists, a movement in disarray

s it holds its first national conference in South Africa for a generation, the African National Congress finds itself at a turning point. The media images conveyed from Johannesburg will undoubtedly be of triumphant celebration and militant defiance: Oliver Tambo's sentimental return, the endless singing of Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika, a sea of clenched fists, and the "revolutionary" denunciation of the evils of apartheid. That is, yet another militant

No one can argue with that, Tambo, the ANC president, in particular deserves recognition for the way he held the movement together and guided it through 30 years in exile. But the ANC has been running militant laps of honour all year. Meanwhile the situation on the ground has largely escaped it, and the ANC now finds itself in a state of considerable

lap of honour.

The problems begin with the multiplicity of groups vying for influence within the ANC. One graded to merely consultative status was the tremendous generational tension between radical younger elements and the oldtimers who dominate the national executive committee. The embar rassing truth is that many NEC members owe their position to the fact that they were knocking around London or Lusaka at the right time when talent was thin on the ground. The youth believe that with the reinforcement afforded by the return of radical exiles, particularly those in guerrilla camps in East Africa, they will sweep the dead wood away. By making the conference merely consultative, the embarrassment of fresh NEC. elections has been postponed, but a reckoning must come.

There are many other elements. The United Democratic Front, which acted as the ANC's internal wing while it was banned, and its civic associations such as church and youth groups are still very much alive. The movement's provincial committees and branches have already taken on a strong regional flavour of their own. especially since they now enjoy a degree of elective democracy which the central apparat does not. The movement does a good job of pretending to a strict

R.W. Johnson reports on the tensions within the ANC

that the current conference will find hard to disguise



Oliver Tambo returns home after 30 years' exile, to be faced by a need for clear leadership

ricans, Indians and coloureds within its ranks, but tensions naturally exist, as they also sometimes do on African tribal lines.

There are divisions, too, be-tween exiles and those who stayed at home - particularly since the exiles often tend to assume not only that they will walk into leadership positions but that they cannot be expected to accept the full rigours of township life. Exiles who have had children at school in England are, for example, naturally unwilling to put them into the violent and deprived world of township schools. But any demand for special privileges is

There is tension, too, between the quasi-masonic élite of former Robben Island prisoners who constitute much of the leadership and those who accuse it of a "topdown" leadership style. In particular, the failure to consult the wider movement before taking the cardi-

nal decision to suspend the armed struggle is bitterly resented. There is, moreover, a general loss of confidence in the ANC's organisational capability. It is not just that letters and telephone calls go unanswered and that communication with branches and regions is abysmally poor; the movement has a habit of setting up enormously complicated structures without having either the will or the ability to make them work.

The result is a hubbub of contradictory voices, a member-ship drive becalmed at 200,000 members (far short of the one million target), and deep dissatisfaction with the state of the supposed tripartite alliance between the ANC, the trade unions and the Communist party. The Congress of South African Trade Unions - which has by far the most impressive organisation, a million members and has borne the brunt of the struggle - feels that it is effectively being ignored

and notes that the South African Communist party has a far more privileged position. Indeed, many believe that Nelson Mandela has been encouraged to go off on international jaunts while the Communists honeycomb the ANC organisation from within.

But more important is the feeling that the ANC has lost its sense of direction. Why, many ask, are not all the exiles back by now? Why, if the ANC has carried out a census of exiles, is it unable to tell the government how many there are? Why are so many political prisoners still in detention? The government has been pressing the ANC to get on with constitutional negotiations, and it is the ANC that has asked for delay - in order to hold this conference whose status has now been downgraded anyway. Meanwhile, President de Klerk goes happily ahead dis-mantling apartheid, but always on his own initiative, never as a result of concessions wrung from him by the ANC. So what does the movement get out of negotiations? Are its negotiators just dupes? The

questions pile up.

In fact, many within the ANC leadership seem, as a result of the negotiating process, to have arrived at an altogether more sensitive appreciation of practical realities than most give them credit for. Their greatest failing has been a reluctance to spell out these realities to their followers. The big question is whether they take advantage of this opportunity to do so now.

n particular the leadership must give a clear lead on two issues, sanctions and township violence. Mr Tambo's call vesterday for the ANC to review its stand on sanctions must be warmly welcomed, for it has become a pressing necessity to call them off and to do everything possible to accelerate economic growth in South Africa. Without that, there can be no hope of meeting the crisis of rising expectations, and everybody - the ANC as much as de Klerk - will fail.

Secondly, the ANC must move seriously to deal with the continning civil war in the townships. It is not enough to denounce Chief Buthelezi and the security forces and to put all the trouble down to some ghostly "hidden hand". Black people are dying by the hundred. No amount of manipulation" could create such carnage if there were not deep divisions within the black community. The ANC cannot just throw up its hands, blame everybody else for the violence, and take no responsibility either for what is happening or for finding a peaceful solution.

The conference will resound with rhetoric and radical posturing; that much is understandable and inevitable. And the ANC leadership deserves some sympathy. It is under great pressure from all sides, and the only ones to gain from a collapse of ANC credibility would be racial extremists on right and left.

But there have been enough laps of honour now, enough playing to the township gallery. The conference must offer more than populist rhetoric or it will have

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Fresh light on the fourth B

ourteen years after the death of Benjamin Britten, a twovolume selection of his letters and diaries is to be published in May, giving scholars an insight into his view of world events, the creative process behind such works as Peter Grimes and much about his private life.

The volumes, covering the per-iod from 1923 to 1945, have been edited by Donald Mitchell, the leading Britten scholar, and Philip Reed, staff musicologist at the Britten-Pears Library at Aldeburgh. They have spent five years assembling Britten's letters and have included more than 500 for publication. Volume one opens with a letter from Britten at the age of ten to his domineering mother, Edith, who was determined from the start that he would be a great

"He was to be the fourth B after Bach, Beethoven and Brahms," says Reed. "She regulated his early life, even picking his best friend in his teens and deciding how long they should spend together... She was a most powerful influence and he adored her." Mrs Britten was unaware of his

after her death in 1937, when Britten was 23, that he was released from her influence "and became sexually aware". After his mother's death. W H. Anden was the most dominant influence on Britten. "He opened many doors for Britten. It

homosexuality, and it was only

some comments about Gloriana but we found that as late as 1953 Auden gave a lecture at Aldeburgh. That was ten years after the

Another influential figure was the composer Frank Bridge. All 200 known letters from Bridge to Britten survive, but none of the replies. All were destroyed after the death of Bridge's wife in the early 1960s.

The first two volumes, to be followed by a further two, also chronicle Britten's meeting with Peter Pears, who was to be his musical and personal partner for the rest of his life.

● John Maior will not, after all, be donning his sestive paper hat on Christmas Day at home in Huntingdon. For this occasion. at least, he will follow the example of his predecessor and spend the holiday at Chequers. Along with his wife Norma and their two children, plus, no doubt, countless red boxes, he will arrive on Christmas Eve and remain until Boxing Day. He will also see in the New Year at Chequers. No word yet on guest lists. Watch this space.

Springing eternal

he discovery of a well in the British embassy compound in Kuwait, which may well have saved several lives while the building was under siege, turns out to have been a miraculous event indeed. Until the Iraqi invasion the site of the well was a consecrated grave, three feet deep,

An expert on herbs and spices. Mrs Dixon, who is 94, had lived in Kuwait for 40 years. She adopted Arab ways and dress, but insisted that she be buried on British soil. When her health began to fail last year, the ambassador, Michael Weston, ordered a grave to be prepared in the embassy's twoacre compound. During the siege, when a subterranean water supply became essential, workmen used the grave as a starting point - and there the water was.

Mrs Dixon is now back in England, having returned with other hostages this week. But she is optimistic that she will one day be able to return to her chosen final resting place, however watery it may now be.

Homeward bound

obert Runcie will not be retiring completely when he stands down as Archbishop of Canterbury in April. He is to be offered an honorary

sents a home-coming he will almost certainly accept. Dr Runcie will be given the stall

of Abbot Frederic, or Fritheric, the last Saxon abbot, famous in church history for his role in settling a clerical dispute between Canterbury and York in 1072. Meanwhile, the archbishopelect, George Carey, is said to be pondering a contemporary theolo-gical point: the role of divine providence, or lack of it, in Arsenal's worst home defeat for

nearly 70 years - 6-2 against Manchester United last month. After the match, Carey compared notes in the hospitality box with another Gunners' devotee, Dr Jonathan Sacks, the chief rabbielect, whom he was meeting for the first time. Dr Sacks says: "We are trying to work out the implications. Does the result mean our prayers were not heard, that the players were relying on us, or that God is a Manchester United fan?"

Last ditch

The emollient poll-tax message implied by Michael Heseltine's appointment as environment secretary does not seem to have got through to Scotland. Among those working for Allan Stewart, now a junior minister at the Scottish Office whose responsibilities include the poll tax, is Douglas Mason, one of its principal architects. It was he who wrote the 1985 pamphlet Revising the Rating System, published by the Adam Smith Institute, that became the blueprint

from the party last month in protest at the decision of Lord Sanderson, the Scottish Tories' new chairman, to sack three rightwing officials at the Edinburgh headquarters, "I'm not returning while the chairman of the Scottish Tory party behaves like a Victorian mill owner," he says.

All very embarrassing, but there is worse. Although keen on the poll tax, Mason fell five months in arrears on the £329 community charge due to Kirkcaldy district council and received a letter threatening further action unless he paid promptly. "I had to be sent a reminder but I had every intention of paying." Mason says. But you can tell my critics that I have paid this year's community charge in full, and early.'



Roy Miles, the Mayfair dealer specialising in Soviet an, is playing Santa to help alleviate the Soviet food shortage. His British Street gallery will remain open tomorrow to accept food parcels and other gifts for Tuesday's airlift "Lord Hesketh has contributed 100,000 hypodermic needles," says Miles. "I feel this is an act of

position as an assistant bishop of for the government's community charge legislation. which was 10 have been the final Albans; given that he was resting place of one of Kuwait's And it is not as though Mason is a loyal, paid-up Tory: he resigned bishop there for ten years before has been accepted that the final most distinguished British going to Lambeth Palace, it reprebust-up came when Auden made expatriates, Mrs Violet Dixon. friendship at Christmas time." ... مكذا من الأصل

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SHADOWS IN MOSCOW

The ugliest spectres of the Soviet Union's alltoo-recent past, sheltered until now from close scrutiny in the West, have started creeping from the shadows. Until his appearances this week, the outside world had heard little in recent years from General Vladimir Kryuchkov, chairman of the KGB. Yet he and the defence minister, Dmitri Yazov, suddenly appear to be calling the shots.

President Gorbachev himself was originally the favoured heir of the late Yuri Andropov, the KGB man whose reign as party leader was cut short by death. Mr Gorbachev is the sole survivor of Brezhnev's politburo. Mr Gorbachev is a psychological and institutional product of that system. He has responded to growing civil disobedience, demonstrations and food-hoarding by setting up an "economic sabotage unit" based at the Lubyanka.

This winter's catastrophe in the Soviet distribution of food and other necessities was predictable and predicted. It has come about, despite a bumper harvest last summer and generous co-operation from the West in recent months, because the opportunity for a rapid transition to a market economy was missed in the early autumn, missed most critically in the distributive trades. Mr Gorbachev simply funked it.

Instead of setting an example to the republics by creating a legal framework of private property and a monetary climate in which capitalism might emerge, the Soviet authorities have done their best to thwart tentative efforts in the right direction by the more progressive republican governments, such as Russia, Ukraine and the Baltic states.

This new repressive climate suggests a reversal in recent more sensitive treatment by Moscow of the Soviet nationalities. Mr Gorbachev's draft treaty of union published last month proposes a liberal-sounding "sovereign federative state", in which the Union would only "exercise the degree of political power given to it by the parties to the treaty". But it also gives the Union the right "to co-

ordinate activities to maintain public order and combat crime." That clause could allow the KGB to preserve its hold over the republics indefinitely. Mr Kryuchkov has already insisted on "halting the process" towards a looser Union, If this frustrates the constitutional road towards regional independence, the republics are unlikely to submit without violence.

If Mr Gorbachev is indeed contemplating a reversion to overt repression, what is the likelihood of him stopping continued economic decline? By extinguishing the semi-legal private market in staple commodities, the Soviet regime would increase pressure on the chaotic state supply network. The Kremlin is now appealing for cash from the West, while increasing the Soviet military budget. This is despairing cynicism.

Nothing the Kremlin does will bring back the old economic order. Comecon has dissolved and the Soviet republics have passed too far down the road to economic independence. Yet the extension of rationing, before shortages would appear to warrant such measures, shows that Mr Gorbachev anticipates a siege economy in 1991.

The West cannot react with indifference to this gloomy prospect. German and American air packages are now to be joined by a European Community programme, agreed in Rome. Right though it may be to make kindly gestures, food aid will just disappear into the void of Soviet maldistribution and corruption without relieving those at risk of hunger. The Soviet authorities seem not interested in accepting the only sort of aid that might be relevant, transport.

No doubt it would be inconvenient for the West if Mr Gorbachev were to fall before the Gulf conflict has been resolved. That does not alter the fact that this attempt to manipulate the internal struggle in Mr Gorbachev's favour is unlikely to succeed. The imponderables are too great; popular opposition to the course on which the Soviet President seems to have embarked will be formidable.

A MISSION FOR MR BAKER

A constant stream of adverse reports on Britain's prisons is at last pushing penal reform on to the political agenda. If the new home secretary. Kenneth Baker, truly wants to take "an initiative", as he has reportedly told his staff, he should make the fur fly in the prison department. Judge Stephen Tumim's report on suicides and other matters at Brixton prison in London, published yesterday, raises the ques-tion why this inhumane jail was not closed long ago, not whether the Home Office has a two-year programme for this and a three-year programme for that. British prisons echo with such excuses and promises from the past.

Judge Turnim, as chief inspector of prisons, has told the Home Office nothing about Brixton it does not know already. There were seven suicides last year in F block, the psychiatric wing, and a high rate of non-fatal self-inflicted injury. Officials must have known that mentally disturbed prisoners - many of them on remand and therefore innocent in the eyes of the law - are crammed for months on end to brood in dirty, smelly, ill-lit cells where the windows have convenient bars.

Who would not go mad in such a place? Knowing all this, and reminded of the depiorable condition of Britain's entire jail system in each of Judge Tumim's regular reports, successive home secretaries have had no better idea than to throw money into building new prisons, a long-term recipe for

more of the same thing. There is no limit to how far a Baker prison initiative could go. He should introduce into the service the sort of independent leadership brought into the health service and the nationalised industries. He should confront overmanning and restrictive practices among prison officers, be prepared to sack governors, purge civil servants who make poor managers - even put the admirable Judge Tumim in charge with a free hand to clean out the stables. No part of the public sector has failed so miserably; wholesale privatisation of the prison service is now an imperative. Has Mr

Baker the courage? Brixton is mostly used for prisoners on

remand awaiting trial. The home secretary should review from first principles the law on remand. Bail is still refused too often, and no court should be allowed to take away the liberty of an innocent citizen simply to make sure he does not reoffend (on the say-so of a junior police officer) prior to conviction. The law must then insist that those who have to be held in custody, decided according to strict criteria, should lose only their liberty, not their dignity, their sanity, their humanity, and in some cases their lives.

Brixton has a high proportion of mentally disturbed prisoners. All should be receiving medical care, many in special secure hospitals. No longer should such hospitals, because they are part of the National Health Service and not beholden to the Home Office or courts, be allowed to refuse to admit prisoner patients. Every week judges are having to sentence men and women to prison knowing that it will be disastrous for their mental condition, because the NHS refuses to take them. Such patients should have to be admitted by law.

In his report on Brixton, and not for the first time, Judge Tumim declared his horror at the routine inhumanity of the system he oversees. Brixton, he said, is a "corrupting and depressing institution", the product of a century of neglect. It treats its visitors almost as badly as it treats its residents: "If it is the Prison Department's intention to preserve family links, the visiting arrangements and accommodation at Brixton do not make this

Previous home secretaries have put most of their faith in the new building programme with some hope of a reduction in prison numbers as the icing on the cake. Brixton should be one of the first to be pulled down, and its fate should not depend on the sentencing proposals in the Criminal Justice bill bearing fruit in a falling prison population. The hill, which has lost some of its radicalism in preparation, is unlikely to deliver as much as the Home Office at first expected. In any case, these are old initiatives. Mr Baker is looking for something fresh. He should ask Judge Turnim.

O SOLE MIO?

The European Community was created by a Treaty of Rome. The conference which preceded the treaty was held in Messina. A summit in Milan was the launching pad for the Single European Act in June 1985. It was from the battlements of a Rome summit that Margaret Thatcher was finally to fall, Toscalike, to her doom last October, and another Rome meeting is now laying the foundations for European monetary and political union. What is it about the air of Italy that seems so inspiring to the European spirit?

Cast a cold eye over the Italian political economy and the reason is not easy to discern. Italy can hardly be described as an enthusiastic, or even a "good", European country. In implementing the directives of the 1992 programme, for example, Italy has one of the worst records in the European Community. As of September, it was dragging its feet on 62 out of the 107 EC decisions which had to be effected by the end of 1990. Britain was second after Denmark in communautaire behaviour, with only 18 decisions not yet in national law.

The same reluctant Europeanism strikes any visitor, whether on Italy's roads, clogged almost entirely by locally-made Fiats, in its banks and offices, served largely by Olivetti computers, or in its household stores, where only Indesits and Zanussis appear to be for sale. Statistics bear this impression out. Italy does less trade with the rest of Europe than any community country apart from Spain, Last year its imports from the rest of Europe amounted to only 91/2 per cent of gross domestic product, compared with 121/2 per cent in Britain and West Germany and 14 per cent motected car, steel and

electronics industries have much to lose from the 1992 programme, and nobody seriously supposes that Brussels regulation will have any greater impact on such protection than it has had on mafia manipulation of EC farm and regional subsidies.

Italy is also more at risk than its partners from monetary union, since its political system is built on large government deficits and its inflation rate has remained above the German level, even after 11 years in the ERM. Indeed, Italy's bitter experience with its backward south provides the best counter-example to claims that monetary and economic union will raise the performance of the entire European economy to German standards. It is more likely to lock poor regions into their poverty.

So why have Italy's politicians been so keen on orchestrating the great events of Europe, including the downfall of Mrs Thatcher? There are romantic answers, from a taste for theatrical gestures, often later regretted, to a natural supra-nationalism dating from the Roman and Holy Roman empires. Italians have favoured grandiose confederations from Garibaldi and Mazzini to Mussolini, But the most convincing explanation is that Italians, like many of the Twelve, look to Europe to

save them from their own vices. They hope Brussels will discipline them to do all the things their democracies have not found the courage to do: balance their budgets, overcome corruption, expose industrial dinosaurs to international competition, and above all conquer inflation. They look for a supranational nanny. Britons should not be smug; this is precisely the service Britain is now this is precisely the account the ERM.

Cytorian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Death penalty under debate again From the Under Sheriff of Greater ment for life, by telegram on London Easter Saturday in April 1965, I

hope that document will remain

ALASTAIR BLACK, Under Sheriff

Office of the High Sheriff of

From the Director of Amnesty International (British section)

Sir, Next Monday, a little over 42

years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights, members of Parliament

will again debate and vote on the

reintroduction of the death pen-

alty for certain categories of munder, challenging the right to

The violation of a person's

fundamental human rights can never be justified, either on the

grounds of retributive justice, a so-called "deterrent" effect, or on a

base of public support for the

This year alone Hungary, the Czech and Slovak federative republic, the Republic of Ireland,

Andorra, Mozambique, Namibia,

and São Tomé and Principe, in the

gulf of Guinea, have abolished the

death penalty. Romania abolished it last year. Proposals to reintro-

duce it in Argentina were with-

In Britain, there are more

pressing and practical reasons for opposing the death penalty. Sev-

eral recent cases, notably that of the Guildford Four, have dem-onstrated the fallibility of our

Members of Parliament should

therefore be reminded that even if they continue to believe that some

crimes warrant such punishment

or that such punishment would act

as a deterrent, their vote carries

the potential for innocent persons

99-119 Rosebery Avenue, EC1.

Lansor, Near Caerleon, Gwent.

Sir, Patrick Stevens's radical and

positive ideas for speeding up the criminal process in the crown

courts have much to commend

them. The concent of handing

down a formal written potification

provided that there is both a

discount for acceptance and a

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from his original written repre-

sentation or without additional

merit, discretion to increase the

sentence over and above the

P. C. MAXLOW-TOMLINSON.

written potification.

Stones (Solicitors).

Northernhay Place,

Yours faithfully

Exeter, Devon.

December 5.

to be murdered by the state.

Yours sincerely, DAVID BULL, Director,

Amnesty International

the expense of instice.

From Mr P. C. Maxdow-

Yours faithfully,

T. CROWTHER

December 6.

(British section),

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drawn earlier this year.

judicial system

the last on my file.

Yours faithfully.

Greater London

2 Serjeants' Inn,

Fleet Street, EC4.

December 11.

death penalty.

Sir, If the death penalty is to be restored I hope Partiament will include in Monday's debate consideration of both the means of

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execution and by whom it will be

Hanging is berbarous. There is now no experienced hangman available. These must be accurate calculation of the ratio of the weight of the body to the length of the drop. If the drop is too long, the head may be torn off; if too short and the neck is not broken, the prison surgeon may have to finish off the job by pulling on the

prisoner's legs.
Would if be preferable to have a firing squad or to import an electric chair from the USA?

The sentence of death is still available as a penalty for treason and certain forms of piracy, but no person is now responsible for seeing to its execution. Such responsibility was given to the sheriff of the county by section 13 of the Sheriffs Act 1887. Home Office rules issued in 1902 under the provisions of the Capital Punishment Amendment Act 1868 provided:

The Sheriff should, as soon as convenient after sentence of death has been pronouced, fix the date of execution and make all necessary arrangements for carrying such sen

The same act provided that the powers and duties imposed on the sheriff may be performed by his or

ber woder sheriff. However, section 13, which charged the sheriff with the execution of a judgment of death, was repealed by the Courts Act 1971. At the time of the parliamentary debate before last it was canvassed in the Home Office that, as the only working gallows remaining was in London, it might be convenient to pass responsibility for all capital executions to the Sheriff of Greater London.

I hope Parliament will not vote in favour of capital punishment. I received the last order of respite, issued by the then Home Secretary, and notice of commutation of the sentence to one of imprison-

Speed and efficiency are im-Crown court process portant, but are not to be sought at From his Honour Judge Crowther,

Sir, Mr Patrick Stevens's proposals to save crown court time by eliminating bearings of some guilty pleas and by shortening trials ("Short arm of the law", The Law, December 4) fail to take into account two fundamental ob-

First, Mr Stevens proceeds on the basis of a judge giving written advance notification of sentence "if there was a plea of guilty". He 6 1600 because "this would induce many defendants to plead guilty". He is in effect proposing a written form of plea bargaining — widely held for many years to be an objectionable restraint on an accused's freedom to determine his plea of guilty or not guilty on the merits of

Secondly, Mr Stevens reasons that because magistrates' court trials conducted by solicitors are generally speedier than crown court trials with barristers, the latter would accelerate if handled by solicitors. He fails to allow that in the crown court nace is dependent upon a jury's understanding. not an advocate's tongue.

Hostage return

From Mrs S. E. Chown

Sir, While we rejoice that the hostages are coming home from Iraq and Kuwait, please let us not forget the hostages in Beirut who are living in even more ghastly conditions, and whose imprison-

ment goes on and on.
How wonderful if they could come home for Christmas too.

Yours faithfully, S. E. CHOWN, The Hollys, 1 White House Gardens, Petersfield, Hampshire. December 12.

Monet exhibition

From Mr S. W. Money Sir, The management of the Royal Academy may be gratified to hear a different story than that related

by Mr Howard (December 8). As mive country folk up in town, unversed in the ways of the world, my wife and I wandered into Burlington House at four o'clock on a Monday afternoon. The foyer was crowded but there was not a single customer at the ticion desic.

We viewed and enthused over the Monet exhibition in relative comfort. Having ascertained there was no re-admission, I was able to retrace my steps to look again at the pictures which had particularly caught my fancy. We were grateful to the Academy for a unique and stunning experience. Yours faithfully.

STUART MONEY. Spenberds House, Newlyn East, Newquay, Cornwall. December 9.

From Mrs Hilary Brown

Sir, The banging committee of the Royal Academy cannot have failed so spectacularly to adapt to the occasion since it cansed Thomas Gainsborough to withdraw his work from the exhibition of 1784. As there may be a good reason why Monet's paintines could not have been hung above the heads of the throng, and thus made visible to all, may I make a few "modest proposals" for future Cathad management

European defence

Prom Sir Ronald Grierson Sir, The opening of the much beralded, but probably premature, Rome conference on European political union seems an appropriate moment to reflect on three fundamental realities.

First, that the arrangements for the future security of Europe and Europe's security role in the world at large - have to be anchored in Nato. It is the Atlantic alliance rather than the European Community which represents the ultimate guarantee of our free-

Second, that the strength of the

dome. A slow-moving crocodile (as past Lenin's tomb) would ensure that we all saw all the paintings

from a variety of distances. This undignified shuffle would have

been worth it to have been able to see these paintings as a series. 2. One day a week could be set aside for people (about 80 per cent, apparently) who wish only to view the brush-work from a distance of 18 inches. (Sir Godfrey Kneller, quoted in one of Gains-borough's letters, used to say that pictures were not made to "smell

3. Perhaps, at the blow of a whistle, we could all stand still for two minutes, so that the lucky few with sight of an entire canvas could contemplate it without a rising sense of panic and frustration. This would give the occasion a welcome flavour of grandmother's

footsteps. 4. Sunday might be set aside for people willing to submit a short dissertation on the painter with their entrance fee (no need to read

5. Schoolgirls should be encouraged to keep their sketch-pads until later, and conversationalists in broad-brimmed hats should be firmly dragged away before murder is committed at Burlington House. Since so many of us have

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5846.

missed the enthralling and un-

Bitter taste of electricity share issue

From Mr A. R. Mordaunt Sir. One of the advantages claimed by the Government in privatising many of the state industries has been to encourage wider share ownership. Despite the offers over recent years, the number of people holding shares in more than one or two companies has gone into decline (Weekend Money, November 24). This suggests that the public is generally more interested in making a quick buck at the texpayers' expense than maintaining a balanced portfolio.

It was therefore encouraging to see the incentives written into the recent electricity offers and the priority to be given to local customers. The incentive cut-off points were both relatively mod-est, at 3,000 shares for share bonus and 1,500 for electricity youchers.

On any reasonable reading of the prospectus it was therefore a fair assumption that these two amounts stood the best chance of receiving an allocation in one's local pic, as both of the two options were likely to be held for three years or more.

Imagine our dismay on learning from The Times this morning that my wife and I would both receive nil allocations in Secboard plc, despite our having gone to some trouble to raise funds by the encashment of saving certificates. What possible justification has

the secretary of state for allocating 90 shares (per hundred applied for) to non-priority applicants in our local company when some priority customers, who are far more likely to be long-term hold-ers, receive none at all?

He has lined up loyal local shareholders and customers as a stand-by for the issue only to throw them overboard when he finds that he can save the cost of the "perks" by taking in nonpriority applicants.

If the word "priority" means anything at all, this matter needs to be taken up with the Office of Fair Tradius on Adding the state of the control of the con Fair Trading or, failing them, the Ombudamun. Yours faithfully A. R. MORDAUNT.

Pippins, Buxted, Uckfield, East Sussex, December 11.

From Mr N. G. Kelsh Sir, I am sorry that you took such a negative view of the privatisation of the electricity suppliers and the government's privatisation programme in general (leading article, December 11). You may well be right that a lot of the highsounding pronouncements about the benefits of share ownership are pretty irrelevant, but this does not after the fact that, from the point

of view of the industries involved and thereby of the UK economy, The government has no business to be running industries that can perfectly well run themselves.

The sanction would be to allow Answering back the judge, in event of the defen-dant insisting on putting forward From Sir Brian Rix an oral mitigation no different

Sir, Your report, "Frank cashes in on the power sale equity" (December 13), was mind-boggling in the effect it may have created. Since when has poor old Equity been "the powerful actor's union"

Since when have advertisers and their agents been in "fear of antagonising" this trade union monster? Since when have actors been responsible for "the over-

manning which still prevails on

so-called European piller of the Atlantic alliance depends in the last resort on the closeness of the collaboration which Britain, France and Germany succeed in setting

up among themselves. Third, that whatever the merits of European economic convergence, its importance cannot possibly match that of the vital need to organise European security for the turbulent times ahead. Perhaps we can afford a two-lane economic Europe; we certainly cannot afford two lanes in defence. Yours faithfully RONALD GRIERSON, 16 Connaught Place, W2. December 14.

hanging committee would be to

take it in turns to mop and dust

Gainsborough's statue as a re-minder of their shortcomings. It is

repeatable experience of Monet's series paintings, despite having queued and paid for it, may I suggest a suitable penance for the

usually in need of it. Yours faithfully, HILARY BROWN, Court Lodge, Hooe, Battle, Sussex.

From Mr Steve Masien Sir, What to my mind turned the organisation of the Monet ex-

hibition from an everyday disgrace into a cynical scam was that the solution to the problem is so simple: hang the pictures higher. In a description of the exhibition's previous showing in Boston, USA, published in the

Academy's own magazine, one reads: "The paintings were hung rather high, at 65 inches, to allow the ensemble to be seen above the heads of the crowd". In Chicago, one further reads: "Again the pictures were bung high, in fact higher than at Boston, by some 12

If I had not visited the exhibition as a guest of a Friend of the Academy, I would sue for the return of my admission money.

Yours faithfully, STEVE MASLEN. 22 Fitzwarren Gardens, N12. December 9.

The idea that nationalised industries are "owned" by all of us is a meaningless concept to most people, and I refuse to believe that it ever motivated anyone to do any more than complain about the service to which they were en-A sense of ownership is essential to the running of a successful

business; but this means real ownership, with pieces of paper to prove it and dividends from the profits paid out on individual cheques. Your leader fails fully to take into account real benefits of private enterprise, the motivation to achieve by means of hard work, enterprise and initiative, etc., that are easy to understand and difficult to dispute. Yours sincerely, NIGEL KELSH,

3 Haves Mead Road Hayes, Bromley, Kent. From Mr Peter May

Sir, Your leading article on electricity privatisation says the scheme offers easy money to "anyone who can be bothered to fill in a coupon, write a cheque and find a pin".

Not to anyone, Sir. only to those who already have money to spare in the bank Privansation of the public utilities is little more than a device for putting money into the pockets of those who already have it, without any productive effort on their part.

Yours faithfully, PETER MAY. 43 Freston, Paston, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr Edward Armitage Sir, A customer's application for 1,000 shares in any single one of the 12 regional electricity share offers would have yielded him a number of shares ranging from 100 (minimum) to 300 (maximum) - an average of 183 shares.

Had the same customer, spurning loyalty, applied for 100 shares in any 10 of the 12 companies he would have received a minimum of 990 shares. Hardly preference in favour of customer loyalty.

Yours faithfully, EDWARD ARMITAGE, 11 Cambridge Road, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

From Mrs J. Patricla Evans Sir, If Eastern Electricity's four-

page advertisement (December 12) listing their many employees is typical of the staffing level of each local electricity board for whom shares were reserved, no wonder so few were left for registered

Having some idea of bow much such an advertisement costs, 1 regret the apparent waste of my money as a new (scaled-down) shareholder.

Yours faithfully, J. PATRICIA ÉVANS, 30 Suppury Gardens, NW7.

the filming side of the advertising

industry"? On any given day between 70

and 80 per cent of all actors are out of work. If Clive Mantle, who played Frank N. Stein, has in truth made "a killing" out of his television repeat fees, good juck to him. If only the rest of the Equity membership could be so lucky. . . . Yours etc. BRIAN RIX.

3 St Mary's Grove, Barnes Common, SW13. December 13.

Tedious title From Mr B J Whyatt

Sir, Philip Howard's amusing article on the use of the word executive (December 7) is not before time. For years now, the highways and motorways have been populated by coaches bearing wordings such as "executive travel". I have seen a sports-goods store displaying "executive dumb-bells", and our estate car even has that word on its back door.

Yours faithfully, B. J. WHYATT, 3 Ronon Row, Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

Blizzard enquiries From Miss Anne Tanner

Sir, You report (December 11. early editions) that "the strongest criticism [of how the authorities coped with last weekend's bhzzards] came from MPs representing seats in the North and Midlands whose cars had been trapped in motorway snowdrifts".

What a tragedy that MPs cannot, collectively, experience homelessness, hunger, severe distress, mental illness and mental handicap, physical disability and the problems of old age.

Yours faithfully ANNE TANNER. 3 Netheravon Road. Salisbury, Wiltshire. December 11.

From Mr Gerald A. Early

Sir, Further to my letter which you published on July 9, suggesting that a profusion of holly berries might indicate a hard winter, I wonder if this weekend has tilted the argument in favour of the theory. I was glad to see that Major Selfe of Cirencester (July 16) wisely planned to renew his central heating, even though he

doubted the validity of my theory. Whatever their views, I hone your readers have enjoyed seeing the best show of red holly berries there has been for many years almost everywhere.

Yours faithfully, GERALD A. EARLY. 30 Park Lane East, Reigate, Surrey. December 9.

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of Sanskrit, 91; Mr N.C. Blamey, artist, 76; Sir Michael Carlisle, chairman, Trent Regional Health Authority, 61; Mr Arthur C. Clarke, science writer, 73; Judge Myrella Cohen, QC, 63: Professor Bernard Crick author, 61; the Hon Peter Dickinson, author, 63; Mr Joel Garner, cricketer, 38; Mr R.N. Gunn, former chairman, The Boots Company, 65; Sir Jasper Hollom, former deputy governor, Bank of England, 73; Lord Margadale, 84; Lord Mottistone, 70: Sir Victor Pritchett, author and critic, 90; Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, 68; Sir John Thompson, former High Court judge, 83; Mrs Jacqueline Thwaites, principal, Inchbald School of Design, 59; Miss Liv Ullmann, actress, 52; Mr



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE His Excellency Mr John S. Malecela and Mrs Malecela December 14: His Excellency Mr Sergiu Celac was received in were received in farewell audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the United Republic of Tanzania in or and his own Letters of Credence as ssador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Romania

> KENSINGTON PALACE December 14: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, heard reports from Business Leaders follow ing their visits to community initiatives throughout the United Kingdom, at the Subterrania Club, North Mr Guy Salter was in

His Royal Highness received Her Majesty.
Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State His Royal Highness received representatives of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, at Kensington Palace.

The Princess of Wales represented Her Majesty The Queen at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

Academy Sandhurst. Major-General Sir Christopher Airy was in attendance.

and Miss M.E. Lubkowska

Mr T.M. O'Course and Miss G.M. Bradbury

Mr R.M.H. Presce and Miss C.M. Hooper

Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr A.A. Protonotaries

Mr N.W. Rivers

Mr M.A. Stewart

Brisbane, Australia.

and Mile C.A. Mayor

Dr H.D.L. Sto

Surrey.

and Miss A.L. Hunter

and Miss D.S.C. Nivison

The engagement is announce

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr Thomas O'Connor, Hoare Abbey Lodge, Cashel, Co Tipperary, and the late Mrs Sarah O'Connor, and Gina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bradbury, The Old Rectory, Edith Weston, Rufland.

The engagement is announced between Roger, elder son of Squadron-Leader and Mrs John

Preece, of Cambridge, and Nairobi, and Catherine,

daughter of Commander and Mrs Charles Hooper, of

The engagement is announced between Aristides, elder son

A. Protonotarios, of Athens Greece, and Dominique

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Nivison, of Chichester,

The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr

and Mrs Bill Rivers, of Long

Ditton, Surrey, and Anne, younger daughter of the late Group Captain Eric Hunter and

of Mrs Joan Hunter, of Esher,

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Sir Edward and Lady Stewart.

of Brisbane, Australia, and Suzanne, eldest daughter of Mr

and Mrs Hugh Hourisan, of

The engagement is announced between Howard, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.D. Stone, of

Hundred Acres, Wickham, Hampshire, and Clarisse, twin

daughter of the late M Edouard

Mayor and of Mme Odile Mayor, of Sion, Valais,

and Miss S.M. Hourigan

Mr and Mrs Anthony

and Mrs T.B. Jonas, of Epsom, Surrey, and Monika, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lubkowski, of Ealing, London.

ngagement is announced en Mark, only son of Mr

Forthcoming marriages

Rev N.J. Alken and Miss H.J. Swallow The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Aiken, of Kempsford, Gloucestershire, and Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Swallow, of Nether Poppleton, York.

to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Nicu Bujor

(Minister Counsellor), Mr Constantin Ghirda (Counsellor,

Political), Lieutenant Colonel

Gheorghe Rotaru (Military, Naval and Air Attaché), Mr

Alexandru Purcea (First Secretary, Economic) and Mr

Secretary, Economic).

Alexandru Puscarciuc (First

Mrs Celac was received by

for Foreign and Commonwealth

Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

The Queen upon his appoint-

ment as Aide-de-Camp General

to Her Majesty.

Lieutenant General Sir David

Captain G.K. Bibby and Miss G.A. Logham

The engagement is announced between Greville Bibby. Grenadier Guards, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Derek Bibby, and Gillian Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Ingham, of Aboyne, Aberdeenshire

Mr A.S. Brown and Miss K.C. Ettis The engagement is announced

between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Brown, of West Byficet, Surrey, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Eltis, of Oxford.

Mr T.F. D'Alton

and Miss J.K. Joy
The engagement is announced
between Tim, son of Major
and Mrs Charles D'Alton, of Westbourne, West Sussex, and Jo, daughter of Anthony Joy, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Mrs Rosemary Joy, also of Cowes.

Mr J.B. Evans and Miss C.M. Massy

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs T.J. Evans, of Radyr, South Glamorgan, and Clare, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.R. Massy, of Owslebury,

and Miss A.E. Wilson The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of the late Mr Ruthven Hall and of Lady Ramsbotham, of Ovington, Hampshire, and Alison, daughter of Dr and Mrs Philip

Wilson, of Ipswich, Suffolk. Mr C.N.J. Hamer

and Mits H.J. Reid The engagement is announced between Charles Neil James, only son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hamer, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Heather Jayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Reid, of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.R.A. Lest and Miss J.C. Flack

The engagement is announced and Mrs P.A. Last, and Juliette. daughter of Mrs T.J. Potter and stepdaughter of Mr T.J. Potter.

Royal Society vice-presidents

charman and chief executive, Suter, 48; Mrs Valerie Aggett, principal, Holborn Law Tutors, 40; Sir Denis Barnes, civil servant, 76; Mr Michael The following to be vice-presidents of the Royal Society for the coming year. Sir Robert Honeycombe, FRS, treasurer, emeritus professor of metallurgy, Cambridge Univer-sity; Professor B. K. Follet, FRS, Bordanov, theatre director, 52; Mr Clive Brittain, racehorse trainer, 57; the Earl of Buckinghamshire, 46; Lord Croham, 73; Lord Dunpark, 75; Air Marshal Sir John Fitz-patrick, 61; Miss Ida Haendel, biological secretary, professor of zoology and chairman of the school of biological sciences, Bristol University, Sir Francis Graham-Smith, FRS, physical violinist, 66; Mr Gunnar Hägglöf, Swedish diplomat, 86; secretary, astronomer royal, and professor emeritus, Manchester University; Professor M. A. Epstein, FRS, foreign secretary, Sir Henry Hardman, civil ser-vant, 85; Mr Joe Jordan, foot-Vanit, 33; Nrt 30c Johann, 100t-baller, 39; General Sir Frank Kitson, 64; Deaconess Dr Una Kroll, writer and broadcaster, 65; Mr David McMurray, head-Epstein, FRS, foreign secretary, emeritus professor of pathology, Bristol University; Professor T. B. Benjamin, FRS, Sedleian professor of natural philosophy, Oxford University; Professor I. A. Shanks, FRS, chief scientist, Thorn-EMI, and visiting professor of electrical and electronic engineering. Glaspow University master, Oundle School, 53: Mr Oscar Niemeyer, architect, 83; Miss Edna O'Brien, writer, 54; Professor M. H. F. Wilkins, bioengineering. Glasgow University; Sir David Weatherall, FRS, Nuffickl professor of clinical medicine, Oxford University. TOMORROW: Professor Sir Harold Bailey, former professor

Marriage

Mr A.J.K. McWhirter and Miss M.C. Humphreys The marriage took place on Saturday, December 8, at St Mary's Church, Tarrant Gunville, of James, younger son of the late Mr Ross McWhirter and of Mrs Jerome Mostyn, and Miranda, daughter of Major and Mrs Roger Humphreys. The Rev David Stevens officiated and the address was given by the

and the address was given by the Rev Basil Watson.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sophie Von Wedekind, Rosie Lascelles, Clare Goldsmid, Annabel

OBITUARIES

FRIEDRICH DÜRRENMATT

Friedrich Dürrenmatt, Swiss play-wright, novelist and critic, died yesterday aged 69. He was born at Konolfingen, near Berne, on January

FRIEDRICH Dürrenmatt could be

of this century. His rivals for the title are probably Max Frisch, who also wrote in German, and the Frenchlanguage writer of an earlier period, C-F. Ramuz. His international reputation was at its height in the 1960s when his most discussed plays, Die Physiker (1962) and Der Meteor (1965) were playing in many of the world's capitals. But he remained well known, and was still widely read, after the Sixties, with many more works of

various kinds to his credit.

He was the son of a pastor. His grandfather, Ulrich Dürrenmatt, was well known throughout Germanspeaking Switzerland for his satirical and polemical poetry. Friedrich went to school in Berne, and then on to its university, as a student of theology. His father had intended him for the church from his birth. He turned against this, and decided to be a painter. He went to the University of Zurich and studied philosophy and the history of art - but got bored and did not complete his courses. He is, however, known in Switzerland for his pictures. He worked, in Zurich, as a graphic artist, wrote lyrics and cabaret songs and started to review theatre in the Zurich newspaper Die Wellwoche. All the time he was

teaching himself how to write. His first play, Es steht geschrieben (1947), reflected his own early strug-gles with theology, as well as his inner-need to provoke. The play is about the suppression of the Anabaptists and the corrupting nature of power. It features a deluded actor as its protagonist. He revised it as Die Wiedertaufe (The Anabaptists) in 1968. Der Blinde, a sort of parable-play produced in the following year, had a similar historical setting, this time the Germany of the Thirty Years War. It was already clear that Dürrenmatt, who was immensely active in Swiss avant-garde theatrical circles, was trying to found a post-war theatre based on the earlier expressionist principles of Georg Kaiser, the eccentric German playwright who had come to Switzerland after fleeing from the Nazis, combined with those of Brecht and the satirist Carl Sternheim (to whom he owed a great debt). Like Brecht, he enjoyed George Bernard Shaw, and borrowed from him the device of incorporating arguments into his plays. The clumsy and too rhetorical language, and the poor plotting, of these prentice plays did not conceal their power or the original nature of their piercingly grotesque vision.



Romulus der Grosse, produced in 1949 and translated as Romulus in 1964, was less aggressive, more of a surrealistic farce than a play. Dürrenmatt's Emperor Romulus is an unflappable chicken-farmer who wants to dissolve his own empire, which he regards as anachronistic, and who even expects martyrdom. But he cannot achieve it, because his rival, the German invader, a trouser-manufacturer who wants to introduce uncivilised behaviour by causing everyone to wear his products, is even more of an idealist than he is. There are some parallels with contemporary events, but these are neither consis-

tent nor clear. It was Die Ehe des Herrn Mississippi (1951), translated and published in Four Plays (1964) and produced earlier in New York as Fools are Passing Through (1958), that established Dürrenmatt internationally. His first play with a contemporary setting, it presents a couple's doomed attempt to live honestly - in fact just by those Old Testament principles in which Pastor Durrenmatt would have been bound

But the three best known are Der

Besuch der alten Dame (1956), Die Physiker and Der Meteor. The Visit as Besuch became in English with the Lunts in the leading roles, is taken by most to be his masterpiece and it is a fine black comedy by any standards. It concerns the return of a very nasty rich old lady to the small town where, years ago, she had been seduced and abandoned. She wants revenge, and will pay the townspeople to destroy her now respectable seducer. They do it, demonstrating their greed and lack of morals. Hypocrisy was always Durrenmatt's target, and he never depicted it more effectively. Besuch was made into an opera by the Austrian composer Gottfried von Einem and seen at Glyndebourne among other theatres.

In The Physicists a man takes refuge in a lunatic asylum in order to avoid transmitting scientific knowledge dangerous to humanity. Spies pretending to be mad ("Newton" and "Einstein") follow him in order to try to make him change his mind. The psychiatrist in charge imprisons all of them in a bid to dominate the world. This play has been condemned as throwing no moral light on its theme, but it nevertheless remains compelling as a comment on human behaviour. The Meteor is a characteristic variation on the Lazarus theme: a famous painter is snatched from the iaws of death, and struggles to return

For a playwright of world stature, which he had become by the 1960s, Durrenmatt took a great amount of angry stick from critics: "an uncomfortable writer ... style glum as mud". Such criticism may be true of Dürrenmatt at his weakest, but not of The Physicists, The Visit, or of some other plays. But his dramatic work did decline after 1970, when he announced that he was "abandoning literature for the theatre". He was, he said, more interested in stage effects than scripts, and in working with actors rather than writing for them. Portrait of a Planet was the first in this genre and it was staged in Britain, the English being entrusted to James Kirkup, who had done the same service for Die Physiker and could be relied on to make the best of it. But it was a resounding flop. Durrenmatt eloquently defended his theatrical practice in his essay in the volume Problems of the Theatre (1966), which is bundled in with an English version of The Marriage of Mr Mississippi.

His career as a dramatist tended to peter out because he had little more to say in dramatic form beyond the fact that if the world were to be rejected, then it must be accepted. It proved a lifeless paradox, and audiences felt that his drama had deteriorated into

mere nihilistic self-indulgence. His radio plays (only a few of them have been translated, but Incident at Twilight and A Dangerous Game are rightly famous), already much admired, became more substantial than his stage ones. He also reworked plays by other authors: Shakespeare's King John and Titus Andronicus, and Strindberg's Dream Play (this as Play

Strindberg).

He also had a surprisingly independent and successful career as a writer of novels, some of them detective stories. Der Richter und sein Henker (1952), translated as The Judge and his Hangman (1954), is a first-rate crime story whether one accepts Dirrenmant's theorising about the nature of the detective novel or not. Die Panne (1956), was made into an acclaimed television play. There were other detective tales, and the wellconstructed. Grieche sucht Griechen (1955) was a success, although a controversial one, in America. His many short stories have not yet been

translated in quantity. He was a stout, stocky, witty, genial pipe-smoking man. He married the actress Lotti Geissler in 1947, and they had three children. One of his recreations was looking at the stars through a fine telescope.

ROGER PINCKNEY :

Roger A. Pinckney, architect and yachisman, died on "December 4 aged 90. He was born on November 9, 1900.

ROGER Pinckney's life was entwined with some of the finest buildings in Britain and with one of the most beautiful yachts built this century. He was born in Guernsey and after the early death of his father was brought up by his mother on the banks of the Beaulieu River. She sent him first to Charterhouse and then to Sherborne where the abbey probably had upon him the greatest influence of his school days. He would refer to the fan vaulting there as being, simply, "the finest in the world".

He went from Sherborne directly into the somewhat Dickensian office of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in Gray's Inn. With Sir Giles, he worked on Ampleforth Abbey, Liverpool Cathedral and that other great twentieth century monument Battersea Power Station.

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In the inter-war years, he developed his childhood passion for sailing in a Bristol Channel pilot cutter named Dyarchy, with dual captaincy by himself and his mother Just before the outbreak of war, he took delivery of the second yacht of that name. designed for him by his old friend Jack Laurent Giles. She was arguably the finest boat to come from that distinguished marine architect's drawing board.

In first the old and then the new Dyarchy, Roger flew the broad pennant of a flag officer of the Royal Cruising Club from 1937 until 1955. Bearded and invariably bere-chested he was always a fount of hospitality and good advice from Biscay to the Baltic.

Returning to Gray's Inn after war service in the RNVR, he found most of his drawings destroyed which, he observed, was the best thing that could ever happen to an architect. He and his partner, Arthur Gott, continued to practise in Sir Giles's old office. From his drawing board came many pleasant country houses either for d friends who remained friends, or clients who became friends, a testimony to his good sense and understanding. He had the disarming characteristic of anticipating faults in his designs. For instance he warned the Bishop of Bangor that the roof of the Y-shaped palace which he had just designed for him would inevitably leak, as indeed it did.

His greatest monument, perhaps, are the churches he designed for the Winchester diocese, in particular St Mi-chael's, Andover; St Barnabas, Weeke; and All Saints, Redbridge. Pevsner described some exterior elements of these as being whimsical but inside they each have a very ... individual and profound beauty. Each set in somewhat depressing housing estates, they are havens of peace and execulence.

Pinckney ended his career where he began, pursuing the gothic tradition. One of his last tasks was the preparation of full-scale detailed pinnacles on the west end of his master's greatest monument, Livercool He is survived by his wife.

ALICE MARBLE

champion, died on December 1937 to 1940 and the Wimble- compromise because her fam- play in such tournaments as in the second world war. 13 in Palm Springs aged 77. She was born on September 28 1938 and 1939. 1913.

player who introduced the serve-and-voiley style to the women's game. Marble, who grew up in San Francisco, won the United States national women's title in 1936, 1938, 1939 and 1940, and the Wimbledon singles championship in 1939, when she was towards the athletic. voted as the outstanding woman athlete in the United States in a news agency poll, She also won the US national

don doubles championship in

ALICE Marble was the winner sive, attacking game was able because she was in hosof four United States national considered by some to be an pital for two years with women's singles titles, and the unseemly mistake. Tennis commentators of the time made sneering reference to her "playing like a man". The criticism never bothered her, however, and her example spawned a new style of tennis for women, moving the sport away from the genteel and Tall, lithe and blonde, she

was a natural athlete. She played seven sports at school in San Francisco. However,

ily desected her to abandon the game she loved, baseball, as the US Open. Marble's adoption of the as being too masculine. Her serve-and-volley in her aggres- success in tennis was remarktuberculosis and in 1934 she

was told she would never play With the help of her coach, fought back and returned to the women's tournaments. When she turned professional ground for the pro game by she would receive as many as lending her prestige to an 500 letters a week, many aspect of the sport that the professing undying love. She public viewed with scep- was married for three years to

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> en's singles champion in the Although she spent her later US and Wimbledon in years alone, she mixed freely 1957/58, described Marble with the glamorous crowd in yesterday as "my idol; she will Hollywood in the Thirties and always be unforgettable to me Forties, teaching tennis to and to all tennis players. She Carole Lombard, her best was one of the greatest ever". friend, as well as to Mariene Gibson recalled that Marble Dietrich and Charlie Chaplin. sent a letter to the United Eleanor "Teach" Tennant, she She often spent weekends as a States Lawn Tennis Association that helped break the William Randolph Hearst at colour bar in tennis, also writing an impessioned essay in 1940, Marble helped break the height of her popularity, in American Lawn Tennis magazine, concluding that if Gibson were prevented from playing tennis because of her colour, Marble would be "bitterly ashamed".

Church services tomorrow

CITY TEMPLE. Hoftorn. EC1: 10.30
Lessons & Carols. Rev E Watgh.
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AM BIRTHS: George Romney, por-trait painter, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire, 1734; Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, builder of the tower bearing his name, Dijon, 1832; Niels Finsen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903, Torshauz, Faroe Islands, 1860.

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ton, the Father of Angling, Winchester, 1683; Sir George Cayley, pioneer of aerodynamics, Scarborough, 1857; Sitting Bull, chief of the Sioux, on Grand River, South Dakota, 1890; Grigori Rasputin, monk, avourte at the Russian court, surdered, Leningrad, 1916; Wolfgang Pauli, physicist, No-bel laureate 1945, Zurich, 1958; Walt Disney, Los Angeles, 1966.

College of Ophthalmologists
Professor Wallace Foulds,
President of the College of
Ophthalmologists, presided at a
dinner held in the Science Museum on Thursday, December 13. Among the guests

Professor M Rosen (President of the College of Anneatherists) and Mrs Rosen (President of the College of Anneatherists) and Mrs Rosen, Mr. A. J. P. Rose (Chefrman of the Content of Committee) and the Content of Everett (Moster of the Cutters' Committee) and the Everett (Moster of the Worshipful Society of Apotto-caries) and Mrs Eadle, Mr M Port (Vice-President of the British College of Opionorius), Mr. J. R. Hudson Glororary Fellow of the College) and Mrs Hudson and Mr M J. Roser-Hall (Honorary Fellow of the College).

Mr Gordon Gregor A memorial service for Mr Gordon Gregor was held yes-terday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Brian Hitchen, Editor of the Mr Brian ruichen, Egitor of the Daily Star, gave an address. Mr Graham Jones, news editor, read the lesson and Mr David Gregor, son, read from William Wordsworth's Character of the Hoppin Warrior

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Anniversaries

DEATHS: Jan Vermeer, painter, Delft, 1675; Isaac Wal-

Dinner

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Memorial service

Tomorrow BIRTHS: Catherine of Aragon, first wife of Henry VIII, Alcala

de Henares, Spain, 1485; John Seldon, lawyer and historian, Worthing, 1584; Jane Austen, Steventon Rectory, Hampshire, 1775; Wassily Kandinsky, painter, Moscow, 1866; Zoltán Kodaly, composer, Kecskemet, Hungary, 1882; Sir John (Jack) Hobbs, cricketer, Cambridge, 1882; Sir Noel Coward, play-wright and actor, London, 1899. DEATHS: Sir William Petty. political economist, London, 1687; Richard Bright, physician, London, 1858; Wilhelm Grimm, collector of folk tales, Berlin, 1859; Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, composer, Algiers, 1921; Somerset Mangham, nov-

Receptions

HM Government Lord James Douglas-Hamilton. and the Environment at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception held last night in Edinburgh Castle for those involved in the Voluntary Housing Movement

Mr Michael Forsyth, Minister for Education and Health at the Scottish Office, was bost at a reception held last night at Bute House, 6 Charlotte Square. Edinburgh, for chairmen of governing bodies and principals of grant-aided colleges.

Service dinner The Queen's Fusiliers

Major S.D.S. Baldwin presided at a dinner of C (City of London) Company of the 8th Batallion The Queen's Fusiliers held iast night at HM Tower of London. The Master of the Cordwainders' Company was the guest of honour and the Clerk of the Cordwainders' Company and Lientenant-Colonel W.G. Pepifar were.

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among others present.

The Queen has bestowed the title Royal on the Scottish National Orchestra in recognition of its centenary next year.

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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M: 11 S Ench. Ridout in F De casio veniet (Handi). Canon T J Stavens: 3.15 E. Remonate (Moore). Antithon. O Superitia. Camberbury Sorvico (Ridout). Auditiv media nocie (Talits): 6.30 Sermon & Compline. The Dean. The Dean.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 10 8

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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M, Responses (Morley), Benedicite & Jubilate in B flat (Purcell), Rev JHallburton: 11.30 HC, Mass for five voices (Byrt), 1 will tell you what wisdom is 0460ore), 3.18 E, Walmisley in B flat, Dies frae (Mozart), Rev B Lindars.

Third Sunday

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WESTMINSTER ASSEY: 8 HC: 10 M. Responses (Byrd). Benedicke in B field (Sumsion). The people will bell clanded, Carron D Gray: 11.15 Abbey Euch. Missa Bel Amfirit altern Euch. Missa Bel Amfirit altern Sembert 5 E. Wood in S. Camon C sembert 5 E. Wood in S. Camon C sembert 5 E. Wood in S. Camon C Sembert 5 E. Wood in S. Camon E James.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Five part Mass (Byrd). This is the record of John (Chiborn). Ave Maria (Parsons). Camon M Kitchen: 3 E. Wood in E field. Fyrepart yet the way Permanden. Penwarden.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10:30 SM, Mass in G Schrobert).

Vent Domine (Esquivel), Ave varum corpus (Mozarti. Toccata Sanger), 12, 5:50, 7; 2:50 Organ Rectal, lain Simcock; 3:30 V & B, Magnificat eClavi Intri (Lassup), Vigilate (Byrd), Duo (Sanger).

5.30, 7: 2.50 Organ Rectal, lain Simcock: 3.50 V & B. Magnifical octavi total (Lassum), Vigilate (Byrd), Due (Sanger).

ST CEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Migas for Inree voices (Byrd), Wachet Auf (Bach), Fr M Jones: 4 Advent Carol Service, Architectop Bowen, GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, w2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Linuyy. RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF COP), Ennistrore Odins, SWF: 10.30 Divine Linurgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.50 Divine Linurgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL St. Immer's Palace: 8.50 HC: 11.18 MP. Vox dicents (Naylor), Canon E A James. QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY. WC2: 11 M. Short Service (Gibbons), Des trac (Mozano, R. Rev J Waine: 12.50 HC.
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Harry Goldsmid and Henry Smith, Mr Oliver Forge was best man.

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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 6 Euch, Canon S Van Cutin. ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.16 LM: 11 HM, Missa Bravis in Q Oktozaro, Vigitale (Byrd), Very Rev J H Mossy: 6 Advent Carol Service, ALL SOURS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Family Service, Prob R Sewes; 6.30 Rev I Bentley. CHEISEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street. SW3: 8, 12 HC. 10 Chidren's Service: 11 M. Preb C E L Thomson: 6 E. Preb C E L Thomson. CHRIST CHURCH, CHEISEA. SW3: 8 HC: 11 S Euch. Rev D Walson. GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audiev Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch. Missa Pange Lingua (des Prec), Cardie Tuba (Palestrina), Rev A w Maris. HOLY TRINITY, Brombton Road. SW7: 10.30 Fanniy Christingle Ser-vice & HC, Rev J A K Millar; 6.30 Cardis by Candicitad, Rev N P G Gumbel & Rev J A K Millar. HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 HC, Rev Dr M Israel. HOLY TRINITY, Steame Street, SW1: 8.45 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Rev K L ALBAN'S, Brooke St. EC1: 9.30 I: 11 HM. Mass in G (Schubert), FT Bence: 5.30 LM. R BERGE: 5-30 LM.
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of John (Gibbons). 6-30 Euch. Missa
iste Confessor (Palestrina), Diffusa est
oranta (Namiru). ST BRIDE'S, Fiset Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Responses (Holmes), Wood in the Phrysian mode. The Angel Cabriel (art Petiman), Canon J Cares, 5.30 S. A Ceremony of Carols Britten). GRIUSEN.
ST CUITHEERT'S, Philipsach Gardens
SWS: 10 HC: 11 S Euch. L'hors Passa
(Viadans). Teach me O Lord
(Altwood). Rev J Vinc. 6.30 Healing
Service. Y Crais.
ST CEORCE'S, Bioomsbury, WC1: 10
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ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1:

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ST GLES-IN-THE-PELDS. St Glies
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G C Taylor: 6.30 EP. Rev G G Taylor.

ST JAMES'S. Manwell Hill. N1C: 8

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ST JAMESS, Piccadilly, W1; 9.30
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ST MARY'S. Bourne Street. SW1: 9, 9.45. 7 LM: 11 HM, Missa Rorage caell desuper Olaydin), Rejoice in the lord alway (Purcall). Caulle tuba clusters: (Albinoul), Fr W Scott Strings (Albinoul), Fr W Scott Strings (Albinoul), Fr W Scott ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC: 11 Euch, Missa in Augustis (Haydin). Lass dich nur nichis (Brahmas), Rev J Chater; 6.30 E. Rev I Brown. E. STRAND (WRNS Fr. Land WCS: 11 Sung Communico. Rev E Trompson.

ST MATTHEW'S. Great Peter St. SW1: PHC: 10 S Euch, Mass (Shaw), Rev D F Lynn: 6.30 LM.

ST MECHAEL'S. Chester Square, J Crossier; 7 Carol Service. Rev D L. Prior. Prior.

ST MiCHAEL'S, Cornhill, ECS: 11
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ST PETER'S. Enton Square. SW1:
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ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street.
SW3: 8 HC: 11 Parish Communion
(Tallie), Rev G James. 6.30 Nine
Lessons & Carols, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Road,
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OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensing-ton High Street, WS: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 4.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Massa Sancti Philippi O'rosol, Reviole in the Lord (accon); 7.45 Mestiah (Handel). AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON.

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ABAMS - On December 10th 1990. Suddenly in hospital william George (Bill) BSc hons. aged 41 years. of 13 Palatine Road Blackpool. Som of Prue and Eddle. brother of Laurence and daddy of Rachael and brother-in-law of Sandra. Service at Christothurch with All Salni's. Blackpool. on Monday December 17th. and the late Anne Duncan and beloved father of Elicen

Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel on Tuesday December 18th at 11 am to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please. BATEMAN - On December 13th. Ronald David Radford, M.B.E.. aged 83 years, peocefully in hospital after a short lilness. Much loved father of Angels and David, grandfather of Ned and Selena, husband of the late Edna. Service at Brethy grandfather of Neil and Selena. husband of the late Selena. Service at Brethy Crematorium. Burton-on-Trent. at 12 noon on Friday December 21st. Family flowers only please. Wellings Funeral Directors, tel: (0283) London Road, Canterbury,
MANN - On December 12th,
peacefully in hospital,
Alfred, aged 89, of
Stonehaven, Arthur Street,
Peartin, Husband of the lanMariorie, and of Martins,
Father of Christine (Podesto),
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Offendation,

St Georges Nursing Home. Royston, Herifordshire, Ellicen Nore Leen, aged 87. writer and poet under name of Eliot Bills. Puneral Service on Wednesday December 19th at 2 pm at Ali Saints Church, Stansted Road, Bish-pp Stortford, Hertfordshire. 1990. Ethel "Elizabeth" May (nër Randle), widow of A.O. (nee Randle), widow of A.O Burton, Donations, if waited to The Heart Foundation. BAVES - On December 13th, suddenly, John Gordon, Emeritus Professor of Theology, Strangehern

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert

were only in their twenties when

they considered building a mausoleum for themselves. Within four days of the Prince Consort's death in 1861, the Queen had chosen

a suitable site. Their tomb was

designed by Baron Marochetti and

the recumbent marble effigies of the Queen and the Prince Consort which

surmounted it were his last works.

THE PRINCE

CONSORT'S

DEATH

Yesterday was the fourth anniversary

of the Prince Consort's death, and the occasion was observed at Windsor with more than usual

solemnity by Her Majesty the Queen and the various members of the

Royal family.

In the morning Her Majesty and

the rest of the members of the Royal family who were at the Castle

repaired to the Mausoleum of the late Prince Consort, in the grounds of Frogmore-lodge. The interior of this magnificent place of sculpture had

been previously prepared for the

Queen's reception, a number of

chairs, &c, having been sent from the

Castle for the purpose, while the

steps leading to the entrance of the

porch were covered with a crimson

Hon and Very Rev the Dean of

Windsor officiated, was performed in

the chamber beneath the dome,

wherein lies the temporary stone

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La GRICE - On December 12th 1990, at The West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, Ann, of Trereife Cottage, Penzance, Widow of the late Lt. Andrew Le Grice, much loved mother of Jeremy and Jenifer, Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Newbyn, Penzance, Monday December 17th at 3.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to R.D. Burroughs, 10 Peverell Road, Penzance. IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE -

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1865 Admission could only be obtained by ticket, the entrance to Frogmore being guarded by the Palace police.

Yesterday the central chamber, containing the temporary sarcopha-gus, was pertly carpeted, and choice exotics and flowering plants, such as white azalies, chrysanthemums, &c. were placed round the interior of the Mausoleum in profusion and with excellent effect. Since the last anniversary great progress has been made with the internal decorations, but the greater part of this was concealed from the gaze of the visitors, portions of the hoarding being still up.

One of the recesses or chapels

The visitors were, however, ex-tremely numerous, and there was a

constant stream of people passing between the Long Walk and the

grounds during the time fixed for the

abutting upon the central chamber was, however, shown. The arched ceiling of this recess is decorated with an exquisitely painted picture of Christ bearing the Cross, while two of the side panels are ornamented with sculptured bes-reliefs of white marble, the subjets being the "Expulsion of Adam and Eve," and Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness." From the ceiling depends a finely worked brass chandelier, with several lamps attached to it. The other recesss are, it is said, also in a forward

The ceiling of the dome (which is lighted by windows) is of a blue colour powdered with gold stars, the centre being occupied by a rich ornament. The marble floor beneath the centre of the dome has yet to be finished, and till this is completed the granite sercophagus cannot be used for the reception of the Prince's

A very soleran service, at which the remains. In the afternoon his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, attended by Colonel Keppel, arrived at Windsor at 10 minutes to 2 o'clock, having left town by the 12.45 pm train on the South-Western Railway. the solemn ceremony, and having, with the other members of the Royal His Royal Highness, who was dressed chaplets of immortelles, laurestinas, and chrysanthemums, retired from the tomb shortly after 11 o'clock.

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two millionth quiz night. Its computer has a database of

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of experts, keeping a steady flow of

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life for many years. Tetley's, the

Leeds brewery, has run a league for 22 years. At first, it found that

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it, until they saw the potential, "It raises a lot of interest," the brewery spokesman says. "It sells a hell of a lot of ale, too."

Quiz men play for glory, not for

gain. The prizes are usually re-

stricted to a trophy for the pub,

In most pubs, there is a quiet

pride in having a successful quiz

team. At the Railway at Marsden,

near Huddersfield, the trophy for

the current Tetley champions is in

pride of place in the display cabi-

net. Paul Taylor, the landlord, is

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"There are only so many questions the ordinary man in the street can answer," says Alison Kite, Burns and Porter's sales

new questions is a problem.

t exactly 8.30 the other date encyclopaedias, Increasingly, Aevening in the panelled back bar of a pub in however, competitions are serious affairs, organised into leagues by the big breweries, and there is a sizeable industry supplying the

Clerkenwell, north London, David Cracknell and three friends were asked to name the national character created by John Arbuthnot in 1712 Instantiv, all four pencils scribbled the same name ... John Bull. The Crown Tavern quiz team had done it again. All over Britain, one of the most

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popular winter sports, the pub quiz, is well under way. Some pub customers find all the intellectual stimulation they require in contemplating life as seen through the bottom of a pint glass. Quiz fans find fulfilment in naming the first woman to run a mile in under five minutes or the only bird to have nostrils at the tip of its beak - Diane Leather and the kiwi.

At least 100,000 people are thought to participate in these contests which, for the most part, take place in local pubs with a strong community feeling.

Last winter, the Crown team graduated from victory in their local Islington league in north London to win a national competition sponsored by Guinness which involved 800 pubs. The team members - Mr Cracknell, Michael Beswick, Ian Hutchings and Veronica Schwarz - are young economists and statsticians with an impressive collection of master's degrees, but, in this case, Mr Cracknell's ability to name the king or queen of England in any year since 1066 is

Quiz games, they insist, have nothing to do with intellectual prowess. "All you need is an interest in trivia and a good memory," Mr Hutchings says.

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In some places, the game is still an informal knockout between a handful of teams from local pubs with questions assembled by a retired teacher with a set of out-of-

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Marcus Binney says

he government is to spend £1.5 billion on a railway tunnel linking Paddington and Liverpool Street stations. This is a heartening investment in public transport, but how much cheaper it would be to run trams along Oxford Street.

London's tramlines were torn up in the early Fifties because they were considered outmoded, inefficient and an impediment to the growing volume of motor traffic. Now, as cars clog cities all over Europe, trams are seen as the alternative public transport system of the future. About 40 British towns and

cities, including Birmingham, Nottingham and Sheffield, are looking at the possibilities of trams. Manchester has started laying down tracks. Croydon is drawing up proposals with London Transport and British Rail. Hampshire county council has

the most adventurous proposal: a tramway linking Gosport and Portsmouth, under the harbour. Nantes, in western France, has one of the newest systems. Its tramways, abandoned in 1958, returned in 1985 with a new track and 22 stops. Thanks to automation and a 50 per cent government

Nantes trams make a profit. Basle and Zurich in Switzerland have long-established tram networks. Basle has nearly 40 miles of line and 300 vehicles.

grant towards infrastructure, the

The fundamental advantage of trams over buses is that they can be given priority over other road users, who inevitably ease into, and often park in, bus lanes. In Basie, trams have exclusive use of many streets in the city centre.

One of the weaknesses of bus lanes in Loudon is that cars wishing to turn left at junctions are allowed into the bus lane and can block it. Trams, by contrast, are usually given their own lane at junctions with separate, priority



signalling. With a clear path ensured, and speedy acceleration, trams can keep to timetables,

Automatic ticket machines ensure there is no delay caused by sengers buying tickets or showpasses, as happens on driveronly buses. As most trams consist of two carriages (some have three), each with two or three doors, large numbers of passengers can board and alight in a short time.

While new Underground stations involve considerable expenditure, tram stops cost little. And people who hesitate to use the Underground at night, for safety reasons, are often happier using transport at street level.

Trams, being electrically driven, produce no fumes and so reduce pollution in city streets.

Rumbling back down the line

Most tram systems have a good safety record, even in pedestrian areas where people might not be expecting fast-moving vehicles. This is partly because tramlines are a warning to pedestrians and show exactly where the vehicles will pass, and partly because of the tram's distinctive rumble.

One of Europe's most modern systems opened in Grenoble in 1987. A new five- mile track with 23 vehicles carries 65,000 people a day, with trams running at fourminute intervals at peak times. The revolutionary new vehicles,

looking something like submarines, are the product of a partnership between the French government and industry. The main innovation is that the floors of the trams are almost at pavement level, so that pushchairs and even wheelchairs can be manoeuvred in with ease. A shallow ramp slides out at the press of a button to allow automatic wheelchairs to

works in the roof. Street cables and supports are lighter and less obtrusive than in the past. In the city centre, the wires are suspended from neighbouring buildings. All the new

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The main resistance to trams comes from motorists concerned that the trams will limit road space and slow down traffic. But the cities which are introducing trams have decided it makes sense to reduce motor traffic.

Weighing up the merits of different transport systems for London could take years. Why not simply experiment with a single tramline, as in Nantes or Grenoble, perhaps in an area illserved by London's Underground network, such as parts of Fulham, Chelsea and the South Bank?

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days a week. Mr Peterson says orders received before 10am will be delivered anywhere in London the same day and anywhere in the rest of Britain the following day. London deliveries arrive packed in a basket with a gingham napkin, and out of town orders in a flowered tin. No cake is sold or dispatched which has not been baked that day.

"I'd always thought about open-

ing a bakery, even when I was seven or eight years old," says Mr Peterson, who first came to Britain, from Los Angeles, when he was 17. A year later, after completing his schooling, he returned to college in Pennsylvania, and later took a degree at Durham university. After a year spent teaching English in Japan he decided to set up his own business. He researched his project care-

THIS WEEKEND

Six months later, he felt he knew

Events in town

e International concert: To celebrate United Nations Human Rights Day, 14 groups, including Ashanti drummers, the Wells Cathedral School and lan Hall Singers, in a concert with a

St Pancras Church, Upper Woburn Pisce, London WC1. Tomorrow 7.30pm (071-630 8716). Toy desight: Exhibition of dolls, dolls houses, cars, trains, soldiers, puzzles and teddy bears, plus craft toys for sale. Victorian Toy Theatre

Victorian Toy Theatre
performance at 2pm.
Towner Art Gallery and Local
History Museum, Eastbourne,
Sussex (0323 411688). Today
until Feb 17, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm,
Sun 2-5pm. Closed Dec 25, 28
and Jan 1.

aid of the Stars Organisation for Spastics with Dame Vera Lynn, Laste Crowther and Bob Monkhouse among the artists. Tomorrow, at 3.15pm, the Ernest Read family carol concert. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1. Today, 4pm and 7,30pm, matinées £3.50-£11, evening £4.50-£14.50. Tomorrow, £3.50-£11. Box office 071-928 8800.

Christmas market from noon to 9pm. The Bristol Bach Choir at 6.30pm, decorated boat procession 7pm, jazz band and fireworks 8.30pm. Bristol City Docks, today, free.

Carol service in aid of the mentally handicapped today 2.30pm. Durnum Cathedral. a Dame Judi and Jeffrey Denote A Falst of Words and Music, including "Winter" from Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Money raised will pay for 5,000 inner-city Christmas Day meals.

Usher Hall, Edinburgh (031-228 1155). Wed 7.30pm, £2 to £7. St Pinit's carolin: For congregation and choir, with the City of London Sinfonia.
 St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4. Thurs, 8.30pm, free.

JUDY FROSHAUG

open a shop in Los Angeles, selling Danish pastries. As his mother is Danish and he speaks the lan-guage, he went to Copenhagen and arranged an apprenticeship at the famous Arkaden bakery.

just about everything about the production of these pastries and left for Los Angeles. "I needed sales and marketing experience," he says. "I'd never worked behind a counter or used a cash till." A year working for a bakery in Santa Monica and Beverly Hills taught him to cook American cakes, but also put paid to his plans to open a Danish pastry shop. Why? The secret of Danish pastries lies in the rolling of the dough, which demands vast work surfaces and a very large (and expensive) kitchen. As a result. Mr Peterson. abandoned his plans for Los Angeles and flow to London. He arrived on April 1 this year and within two weeks had found a

The shop, which opened on November 30, will double as a coffee bar. The style of the cakes is

and cookies - as well as Christmas calles, pies and cheescrake. Special orders are welcomed. The ingredients are all fresh, free from additives and preservatives. There are also sugar-free and low calorie

American — muffins, brownies

PRICES start at 35p for a fresh muffin in the shop, up to £14, including delivery within London, for a basket of 16 small cakes and, out of London by post, £23 for a tin containing 18 pieces. Christmas cakes weighing 11/1b cost £12. Personal shoppers can taste the cakes before they order.
Ironically, the cash to start the

business came mostly from a settlement Mr Peterson received after contracting perticularly viru-lent food poisoning while he was in Pennsylvania. It was an experience which has understandably left him very concerned about the quality and freshness of food.

GERALDINE RANSON Beverly Hills Bakery & Gift Bas-ket, 225A Brompton Road, London,



Say it with muffins, American-style: Mark Peterson and goodies galore

One moment everything's normal and the ne

A stroke hits like lightning, damaging the brain, often leaving you paralysed, unable to speak or control bodily functions. It's Britain's 3rd biggest killer, yet until now there has never been an organisation devoted solely to fighting it. Now there is. STROKE. To join us or make a donation, please

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and dancing and are available from the fund on 071- waithness voices (Bach). The Chap seem of warm, reverse the control of Nine Lessons & Lord give my Hoty Spirit (Tallin), Rev Total وكذا من الأصل

New Woman. You can't be one without it.

 James College's Christman collection and boddy bases concert: Today, the flautist with choir and orchestra in a carol concert with audience participation. Tomorrow, 5pm, children's teddy bear concert. Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Today 5.30pm and 8pm, £10.50-£22.50. Tomorrow £7.50 (£6.50 if carrying a bear).

Bristol Christress carnival:

o Derham Cathadral concert:

St James's, Piccadilly, tornorrow. Tickets £15, £7. Bookings 071-379 4444.

NEXT WEEK

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fillers

Mini-gifts are the most fun to buy and make a good test of ingenuity for adults

ONE of the enduring pleasures of Christmas is the chance to choose stocking fillers for children. One of the greatest tests of incenuity is to pick imaginative mini-gifts to fill an adult sock.

Londoners can rely on Neal Street East to come up with instant solutions. Call the shop by 6pm on December 21 and the staff will gather 18 small gifts for girls or boys which must be collected no later than 4pm on Christmas Eve.

The stockings are not included.
The children's selection costs £12.50 and includes, for example, an inflatable parrot, paper snake on stick, and Mr Potato Head game for boys; three-in-one doll, silk brocade purse and wooden dancing animal for girls. But your own selection could include a parrot mobile (£1.95), fortune-telling fish (5p), folding scissors in a box (60p), furry jumping spider (£1.40), book of rub-off mini tattoos (5p) or plastic fangs (6p),

Neal Street East will also put together a selection for adults' stockings. Ten items cost £10.75 and include a wooden shaving brush, clockwork bath toy, fish penknife and book of Chinese wisdom for men; or a paper wallet, water flowers, Chinese soap and chopsticks for women.

 Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, London WC2 (071-240 0135). A good source of jokey stocking fillers for children and adults is Crackers. As well as the more traditional items such as brightly coloured Disney mow globes (£4.95), there are contemporary ideas like the Cellucione 2 toy phone (£13.75), which rings like a real mobile telephone, personal



Victorian mask at the Museum Store in Covent Garden

organisers with wipe-clean covers (£14.95), bath mousse (£1.95), dissolved, and Turtle toothpaste

For adults there are a teeny Power Tie (£3.99), battery operated tiger paw massager (£5.99); jokey Toffee Noses (£3.99), nose-shaped chocolates filled with caramet, bottle stoppers with duck heads (£7.99, for four); and Phoney (£2.99 for four); and Phoney Excuses (£19.99), which creates noises — door bells, a secretary's voice, static on the line - to play when a phone conversation needs

 Crackers is at Whiteleys of Bayswater, Queensway, London W2 (071-243 1601) and 62 Church Road, Barnes, London SW13 (081-741 1254).

FOR years, traditional shopfronts have resembled an endangered species, soon to be remembered

only on Christmas cards and

In town after town, chain stores

and multiples have punched out the ground floors of historic buildings to make way for floor-to-

ceiling plate glass and plastic

Enter York's Stonegate and you are in a different world.

Here is one of the finest

runs of traditional shopfronts in England. Georgian, Regency and Vic-

torian fronts are each tai-

lored to the building above.

Only when you look more

closely is it apparent that

much of this is a brilliant

piece of plastic surgery on a

street which has endured

the architectural equivalent of a motorway pileup.

The Next shop, for exam-

ple, is housed behind a

variety of small paned

wooden fronts, all painted a

smart royal blue. A few

years ago, this was a typical

Sixties-style showroom

with a 50st long curtain

glass wall set sharply back

What you see in York is

the result of a 20-year

campaign begun under the

guidance of June Har-

greaves, who is revered as

one of the best conservation

officers in any English town.

The crux of the campaign was to

persuade shop owners to return to

wood: painted softwoods, not

stained hardwoods. First came the

insistence on a stall riser - a

panelled front on the bottom of the shop windows. This brings the

base of the window up to table

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from the facade above.

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Nicole Swengley gives us the low-down on how to organise a highly individual Christmas

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ble the pleasure they provide. Pre-Christmas frenzy can affect our choice, but a gift that has been chosen with care, rather than seized in desperation, is sure to be cherished. Apart from putting together your own selec-tion in a presentation box, you might choose a personalised or initialled item, or arrange for a gift to be monogrammed or engraved. (Some of these services require a few days' notice, so be sure to check first.)

Some shops hold Christmas lists, so friends or family can order from a selection at the store. A few will deliver the presents to your door, but check with stores for details.

CHRISTMAS LISTS

Misseum Store, 37 The Market, The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2 (077-240 5780), Mon-Sat 10.30am-8.30pm (Trurs and Fri to 7.30pm); Sun 11am-5pm. The gifts come from museum and gallery shope around the world and range in price from 50p to 2300. Unusual presents for men include day pipes, 25.95; Charles Ramie Mackintosh-style silver cuffinks, 234.95, and tie pin, 24.95. For women there are fans from the Paris Opera House, 212.95; jewellery, 27.95-29.95, made from original Fittles American bottle caps. For children there are fossil sets, £12.96 from the Natural History Museum.

Other shops which hold individual Christmas lists: Perfect Glass (orders over 250 delivered free in London); Joanna Wood (free gift wrap service; gifts must be collected); Collier Campbell (gifts must be collected); Oggetti (free gift wrap, but gifts must be collected); Thomas Goode (free gift wrapping; some free delivery).

OWN SELECTIONS

Hobbs of Mayfeir, 29 South Audley Street, London W1 (071-409 1058) Mon-Fri 9am-7pm; Sat 9am-5pm, Wooden Shaker-style boxes (28.50-£19.95) filled with fol-covered chocolate shapes, 75p each, mbsed peppercoms, 23.95, peach cooking sauce, £3.25, cucumber and dill vinegar, 25.95, cinnemon sticks, 21.50 per bundle, whole redcurrents, 29.95 per 570oz jar.

e General Tracing Company, 144
Sloane Street, London SW1 (071-730
0411). Mon-Sat 9am-6pm: Wed to
7pm. Dec 24 closes 4pm. Buy a besider
or hamper (from £8 inffilled) and
concoct your own theme. A "sporty"
busing for men could include
gricket-bat shaped hip fiest, £14,95, th
of Fishing tea, £2,65, book on
yechting or tennis, £25; an "animal"
basket might contain a cat-shaped
chast board, £5.15, Endopwater
farmyard mug, £3,95, Scottle dog

e Bathkeyes, 400 Oxford Street, London W1 (071-829-1234), Mon-Fri 9,30am-Sprr; Sat 9am-Sprr; Dec 19,30am-Sprr; Dec 17-21 9am-Sprr; Dec 20 9am-Sprr; Dec 22 6,30am-7prr; 20 sam-spiri, Dec 22 coulding pure Dec 24 sam-spiri. Pick your own chocolete welcotton in a Seithiogae presentation box, gift-wrapped free Chocoletes cost 23 per lb.

e Liberty, Regent Street, London Wi (071-734 1234) Mon-Sat 9.30am-šom, Thurs to 70m; in the Bath House, fill baskets (24.95-225) with Hobson's barb sprays, 25.95, soapa wrepped in Iverta, 25.95, coloured sponges from 75p, French vegetable-based soaps from 35p, both pearts, 5p-20p, pot pourrt, 23.95. Liberty boxes can be filled with Noleetes Belgian chocoletes at 22.63 per Kilb; Belgian chocolates at £2.63 pe £5.25 per Valo; £10.50 per 1lb.

Design-conscious stocking fillers for adults can be found at Maison. They include a chrome bendy pen (£27.95), Christmas tree-covered toothbrushes (£3.45) and a puzzie car whose parts can be detached and used as crayons (£3.95).

Maison, 917-919 Fulham Road, London SW6 (071-736 3121).

Peepul Tree Trading has pocket handwarmers (£13.80), sparkly yo-yos (£5.80) and a wooden crocodile (£4.40). Nearby at Troika are colourful rubber braces (£26.95), lobster and duck floating bath plugs (£3.99 each), and

New faces for old facias

A more difficult problem comes with lowering the top of the facia.

Many had become the size of advertisement hoardings, pressing up against the sills of the first floor

windows. Old bricks are needed to

York's planners have avoided any form of design guide. Their technique is to point owners and

developers towards good examples, both old and new - and

encourage them to use these as

Because illuminated facias and

lettering are banned in streets such

as Stonegate, the art of signwriting

Some shops prefer the emphasis

of individual, three-dimensional letters, but it is the painted names

in roman typefaces that look the

rest, particularly when

has been revived.

hide the scar.

glasnost glasses (from £4.99), en-circled by barbed wire. Peepul Tree Trading, 291 New King's Road, London SW6 (071-736 9132); Troika, 62 New King's Road, SW6 (071-736 2401).

elik scarf, £70.

• Collier Campball, 45 Conduit
Street, London W1 (071-287 2277).

Mon-Pri 10am-7pm; Thura 10amdent; Sat 10am-7pm; Wooden boxes
(23.45-27.50) can be filled with
hand-made italian Tutti Fruit glass dish,
£8.95; horeycomb-techured
beaswax candiss, £2.25 each; ross
sesetteari scaps, from £2.25; s
prinapple-shaped hot-waser botta,
£11.85; pepier māchē toys, from
£4.50; set of five hand-painted five
nasting penguins, £11.25; Collier
Campbell bow ties from £12.50.

• Czech & Speaks, 350 Jermyn

Camposi dovi des la Spo-Jermyn Breet, London SW1 (671-439 0216). Mon-Fri Sem-Born; Sat 10am-Born; from Dec 17 daily to 7pm. Choice of gift

The renowned chocolatiers, Charbonnel et Walker, takes the biscuit for this year's whackiest stocking filler. Its chocolate bone (£3.95) is suitable for adults, children and pets.

● Charbonnel et Walker, 1 The Royal Arcade, 28 Old Bond Street, London W1 (071-491 0939).

Changing face: York

© Oggetti. 101 Jernyn Street, London SW1 (071-830 4894); 133 Fulham Road, London SW3 (071-581 '8088). Mon-Fri 9.30em-Fprn; Set 9.30em-6pm. Dec 24 closes 4pm. Fill a styfish Alassi wire basicat (233.05£42.10) or Shaker box (£19.50-£80) with Swiss Army penkrives, £10.35£79. 85; Bakit sper measure, £6.30; Magitte key-ring torch, £11.45; Georg Jensen silver dove brooch, £122; original typewriter key cufflinks with initials, £55 per pair; champagne stopper, £2.85; Zani & Zani stainless steel mini cuttery set, £21.15, polished ohrome razor, £13.35; Oggetti merbles in pouch, £5.65; Corgi classic cars, £8.95 sach; English Eccentrics silk scarf, £70.

and bags with gold and white labels. Gift cards and gift wrapping are free. Tolletries from the Frenkincenso & Myrth range are £5-£45. Sweet-smells burning sticks, soeps and colognes burning sticks, soaps and colognes are further options, along with smaller accessories such as soap dishes, purnice stones or face fishnels.

• Titterry & Co, 25 Old Bond Street, London Wri (071-409 2790). Mon-Set 10am-5.30pm. Christmas crackers cost 22, but are free if silver contents cost more than £100. Typical fillers include a belt buckle, £35; magnifying giass, £195; straws, £20; champegne Wissk, £40; teddy, £75.

• Jname Wood 48s Division Board numice stones or face flannels.

champagne whisk, 240; tecky, 275.
e. Joenna Wood, 48a Pimico Road,
London SW1 (071-730 5064). Mon-Fri
10am-6pm; Sat 10am-4pm. Dec 24
closes 4pm. Fili a lined decorative
basket (23.50-214) with mini-plits;
photo mame, 25.25. Thomas Messell
matchbox cover, 21.6; silver collar
stiffeners, 228.75; brass paperweights,
26.50; Limoges pill box, 225.50;
photo brees, 24, scentad carrols, 213.60;
decorative paper box, 24.75;
scentad wooden heart, 21.50.

PERSONALISED PRESENTS

e Frog Hollow, 15 Victoria Grove, London W8 (071-581 5493). Mort-Fri 9am-5.30pm; Thura 9am-7pm; Sun 11am-5.30pm. Drawing pad set. 29.95, has 50 named sheets, eight named notelets, five felt pens, a pattern creator

£15.99. Best-miler in a Mason Pearson hairbrush, £14.95 and £19.95, with hand-painted name in a choice of flower garland or train design.

Altonogrammed Linen Shop, 188
 Weiten Street, London SW3 (071-589
 4033). Also at Thomas Goode, 18
 South Audley Street, London W1 (071-491 9595). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, in W1,
 Thurs to 8pm. From £8.50 for a monogrammed linen cocktail napkin and from £14 for a monogrammed linsh linen guest towel. Lingerle "envelopes"

inen guest towel. Lingerle "enve from 219.50, shoe bags, 222.50. from £19.50, shoe bags, £22.50.

© Berclay & Bodie, 7 Blenheim
Terrace, London NW8 (071-328 7879
and 071-372 5705). Mon-Sat

9.30am-7pm, talian deak set can be
initialled in script while you wait.
Pencil tub, £12.50; letter knife, £15.50;
photo frames, £17.95; deak tidy,
£12.50; memo box with paper, £21;
blotter, £29.95. Men's drassing
table sats in rosewood: tray, £275;
heirbrushes, £62 each; clothes
nounces, £40 each; comb, £22.95; shorn, £99, thems inhibited in alway or
gold at £5 per letter while you wait.

Sathidges' Price A Calt service is in the stationery department. While you wall, any first leather surface can be embossed with initials in gold or silver. Minimum charge (2) for grant items, (2) for larger ones. General Tracing Company offers

per letter. A glass loving cup, with

New light: an illuminated snewstorm featuring Santa (£18.99) at Frog Hollow, London W8, one of a range of snewstorms from £1.50 to £24.99 four initials, costs £32.60. Leather fema which can be embossed (nahimum charge £13.95) include an address book and visitors' book, 272 each, and photo albums from 268.96.

e theping Company, 143 Fulliam
Road, London SW3 (071-581 2058).
Mon-Sat 8-30am-5.30pm; Wed to
7pm; Dec 17-21, 9-30am-7pm, Iteme,
Including towelling robes, towels,
fiannels, pillowcases, sheets and
pyjernes, can be embroidered with
Initials. Monogramming starts at £5 for a
fill frittal, £7.30 for a 2lm. Cotton
quitted hot-water bottle cover with hottle
inside, £25; travel head-rest, £14.50.

 Liberty needs five to ten days to • Liberty needs five to ten days to initial or monogram a dressing gown, but net, towel, sheets or pillowasse. Initials 21,95-24.95, names or words of eight letters 28. Dressing gowns, £59-2110; guest towels from £5.50; pillowasses from £12.95; buth mets from £19.95; buth towels from £25.95; elects start at £29 (single) and from £37 (double). In the stationary department, a voucter for free engraving is available with Cross ballpoints or foundin pens.

pans.

Partiest Clame, 5 Park Walk,
London SW10 (071-351 5342). Mon-Sat
10em-Spm; Wed to Bom; Deo 24
closes 4pm. Also at Cheless Farmers'
Market, Sydney Street, London SW3
(071-376 8514). Mon-Sat 10am-Spm;
Sun 11am-Spm, Order by Deo 21 for engraving service. Upper-case initials knife, £55; whiatie key-ring, £40.

ES each; numerais and lower-case letters, £1 each; signatures about £20. Suitable glassware for engraving includes the Regency range — wine cooler, £29.50; los bucket, £19.75; vasa, £19.75. There is also Jerpoint kish hand-blown glass — jug. £18.75; tumbler, £14.75; gobler, £20.75; tankard, £16.70.

£16.70.

© Crackers, 62 Church Road,
Barnes, London SW13 (081-741 1254);
Whiteleys of Bayswater,
Cusensway, London W2 (071-243
1601). Barnes: Mon-Sat 9.30am5.30pm; Whiteleys: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm,
Hand-painted gifts for children
include framed "name" pictures, £19.95
and £24.95; Mason Pearson
hairbrushes, £18.95 and £24.50; door
plaques, £24.95; glass boxes,
£13.95; red metallic lock-up boxes with
key, £16.50. All can be hand-painted
with a motif or name.

© Thomas Goods, 18 South Audies.

with a most or name.

• Thomas Goode, 19 South Audley Street, London W1 (071-499 2823).

Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm; Tues 10em-5.30pm; Thurs 9.30am-7pm; Dec 24 closed all day. Solid silver and silver-plated gifts engraved from £12. Silver napkin rings from £57; silver mugs, £159; silver-plated whisky flasks from £70; solid silver tankards, £385; cigarette boxes, £102; solid silver gallery trays from £140; pill boxes from £39.50; William Comyns tulipshaped goblet, £300.

• Trolica, 62 New King's Road,
London SW6 (971-736 2401). Mon-Fri
9am-7pm; Sat 10am-8pm.
Engraving on request, approximately
\$2.50 for three initials: pewter desk
aeroplanes from £18.95; Christmes tree
cufflinks in a silver-planed egg.
\$24.95; tountain and ballpoint writing
sets in retro-style tin with sliding 8d,
£72.50; pewter hip flasks from £18.95;
business card cases in brass from business card cases in bress from £7.95, or silver from £9.95; hand-warmers, £11.95.

SW1 (071-730 1234). Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Wed to 8pm; Set to 7pm. Handengraving service is in the British Crystal department on the second floor. Up to three initials £10 on crystal: £7.50 on metal: signatures £20 on crystal and £15 on metal; monograms from £15 on crystal, £12.50 on metal. Also embroidered initials from £2.15, motifs from £9.20,

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from £2.15, motifs from £3.20.

Garrarda, 112 Regent Street,
London W1 (071-734 7020). Mon-FrI
3am-5.30pm; Sat 9am-5pm. Gold
stamping service for leather items £45
for three initials, about £30 for creato
or whole names, Leather key fobs from
£2ff, men's walliam from £10,
personal organisers from £110. Silver
frams can be engraved at £18 for
three initials or £1.50 per letter. Typical
items for engraved at £18 for
three initials or £1.50 per letter. Typical
items for engraving include silver
photo frames from £98, circular dish
from £62, and a man's silver
hairbrush, £180. Garrarda also has a
glass engraving service for
decanters and glassware bought at the
sizors.

e Joseph Wood will hand-paint initials on china tooth mug, 219 with one initial, matching soap dish, 218.50.

Initial, matching soap dish, £18.50.

• Mappin & Webb, 108 Regent
Street, London W1 (071-439 8297) and
branches. Mon-Sut 9 30am-6pm.
Engraving in a vertety of styles and
typefaces at actra cost, including
own handwriting, on items such as glass
decembers from £78 square or from
£76 round; two glit-boxed fluties, £41.
Also silver ballpoint, £55; steel, gold
plats or gun-metal hip flasks from £18,
and silver tootopick with 9ct gold
blads, £42. Embossting on leather
wallets from £43 in black calfekin, on
stud boxes from £47, on three-drawer
jewellery boxes, £134, and on
beauty boxes, £455 (plus embonering
charge). Estimates available by
telephone and for personal shoppers.

Tiffany will engrave most silver tems at three to four days' notice. From 25 per letter or Initial. Tiny heartshaped perfume fisek, £46; swan bookmark, £20; luggage label with leather strap, £40; Swiss Army pocket.



"If it's got to be special," said Jake, "there's only one Christmas present that will answer."

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painted in gold. Those which want a distinctive logo can have it

painted or engraved on glass and suspended inside the shop window. Another virtue of traditional shopfronts is that they bring back

York has gone a stage further in drawing attention to detail by the skilful use of gilding.

At Hawkstead Country Ware, beading on the fanlight and

trellis windows is picked out in gold on green. Acanthus leaves on the corner are also edged in gold. Crabtree & Evelyn on St Helens Square is fitted with brass sills and skirtings, and there is bevelled glass in every windowpane. Next door, Scarborough

and Co has picked out the ropework collanates in alternating pale blue, white and gold, while the frieze above it is lightly marbled. Dark blue stained glass

has been introduced at the sides of the windows, with elaborate stars, like garter badges, engraved in the COLLIGIA Yet, just as York's an-

cient streets are looking better than they have done in years, a new threat has arisen in the form of the uniform business rate. The planners are con-

Stonegate: streets ahead in shopfront design cerned that there will be closures and renewed pressure for

louder, brasher shopfronts. Recently, Rochas, the natural beauty specialist, applied to replace an award-winning arched shopfront with an uncompromisingly modern style - a step that seems out of character for a "green

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Fishermen are easy to buy for at Christmas

— they never seem to have enough gear

nglers are simple: the fishing tackle industry knows how to catch them by the shoal, and choosing piscatorial presents is easy. There is no such thing as an angler who has got enough gear and every tackle shop is bursting with goodies which fishermen are convinced they need to improve performance.

The range is enormous: from floats and weights for a few pence (not lead weights, which can cause anglers to be handbagged by swan lovers) to reels and rods which can cost more than £1,000. Fishing lures travel through the water imitating a wounded or distressed fish, making them look like easy prey. Some are so brilliant that anglers' wives have been known to clip off the hooks and wear them as costume jewellery. Prices start

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I asked a few top angling people what their Christmas choices would be. Terry Maxwell, a freelance tackle agent who confesses to owning 40 rods and 30 reels, wants a 3,500 GT Shimano aero bait runner — a fixed spool reel suitable for pike, salmon and light sea fishing at just under £80. More modestly, he would like an LX2000 fixed spool reel for all kinds of spinning and coarse fishing with 8lb or 12lb line at £18.95. Plus any amount of fishing line because reels have to be reloaded regularly, and also packets of new long-life Starmer baits, blast-frozen or oil-suspended. Sprats, sand-eels, smelt, herring, mackerel and crab are the flayours, from 90p to £2.50.

Finally - and not for himself -Mr Maxwell points to the Diaflash carbon-fibre rod (£1,200), which comes in ten sections and is 14

metres long.
Peter Drennan makes fishing tackle, but even he does not have enough of the stuff. Drennan International sponsors the English

high-carbon steel, chemically etched needlepoint hooks. "Winter is the time for fly-tying," he says, "and made-up hooks are relatively expensive. I would go for a selection of trout hooks in boxes of 50 for £3. No top angler would use ready-made hooks."

After the presents are un-wrapped, Mr Drennan and his daughter will be pike fishing in their own lake at Oxford, using the pike rod he designed, which sells for £96.

Pat Sullivan, who runs the Southwark Angling Centre in southeast London, is a practical man who had no hesitation in plumping, at this time of year, for a thermal suit. Prices range from £29 to £89.95. Short of that, he would accept a hook wallet at

Winter fishing is not for everyone and there are enough books and videos to produce a breed of experts who need never venture outdoors. The Angling Times Coarse Fishing Today has to be a good buy at £1.60 and Mick Toomer, an England international sea angler, has made a video series under the Clean River label at

Mr Toomer has a tackle box which needs a Geoff Capes to carry it any distance, but he would still like to add to it an Abu Ambassadeur 7000c Syncro mul-tiplier reel at £149.99. He also fancies a Mainstream offshore flotation suit to keep him warm and alive if ever he should fall in. His choice for a cheap present: stainless steel forceps for extracting hooks, from £3.50 to £6.50.

The Original Video Production Company has three cassettes on one species: Carp Fever 1, 2 & 3 at £14.99 each, featuring carp ace Kevin Maddocks. The December edition of Sea Angler (£1.40) has a Christmas buying guide, as does Trout Fisherman (also £1.40).





John Abraham, the chairman of Askrigg parish council, says: "I am pleased the series is ending. We can't cope with the tourists."

Vetting the Herriot hype

For the past 12 years the village of Askrigg, set high in the Yorkshire Dales, has lived a double life. In 87 episodes and two Christmas special editions of the BBC television programme All Creatures Great and Small, it has been transformed into the town of Darrowby, where James Herriot and Siegfried Farnon have their

veterinary practice.

Each series has been watched by an estimated 11 million people in Britain and the BBC has exported the series to 42 countries, including the United States and Australia, where the viewers are some of the most devoted followers of this glimpse of English rural life in the immediate pre and post-war years.

At times fiction has overtaken fact. The solid, stone house, fronted by black wrought iron railings next to the newsagent on the main street, is used as Skeldale House, the vets' home and surgery. It was really called Cringley House but, when it became an old people's home ten years ago, the name was changed to the one popularised by television.

"People queue to be photo-graphed outside the house," says Ann Hawkins, secretary to the committee which runs the home. "They even take photographs of their dogs standing outside, as if they were waiting patients. Some of them peer through the door, expecting to see the vets, and others wander into the kitchens looking for the surgery."

There are benefits, however, A notice pinned to a chest of drawers Television's All Creatures Great and Small has divided the locals in the small village

the locals'

offers Herriot marmalade, note-lets and photographs of the series stars, the proceeds going towards providing little extras for the

me's residents. In the shop next door, Kathleen Harrington, its manageress, has to open early when filming is underway so that modern items, such as Gazza" T-shirts or Herriot calendars, can be removed from the windows and re-

placed with period goods. It has, she says, all been fun. Across the road the Kings Arms, a former coaching inu that doubles as

The Drovers Arms in the series, proclaims itself as "The Herriot Pub" on a brass plate over the door. Ray and Liz Hopwood, who bought the inn seven years ago, will start work on extensive alterations in the new year to provide extra bedrooms for a growing number of guests.

They acknowledge the impact of Herriot lore on their business, although they sometimes fail to understand the hold it has on their visitors. "One American couple returned to the hotel to take a photograph of the table at which they had been dining which was later used for a scene in the programme," Mrs Hopwood says.

where it is filmed. Peter Davenport reports the worldwide success of the Herriot books have played a significant part in boosting tourism in the Dales in general and Askrigg in particular. It is esti-mated that about 8.5 million visitors trek to the Dales National Park each year, although Richard Harvey, the park officer, says the real number could be twice that.

There have been financial benefits, but also worrying drawbacks. Filming has The developing bored tourists tourist industry has provided some much-needed jobs and annoyed and made a valuable contribution to the local econ-

omy at a time when upland farming is increasingly difficult. But the sheer pressure of numbers and the spread of facilities to cater for this growing market has led Mr Harvey to list Askrigg as one of 12 areas in the Dales which had been 'seriously harmed" by burgeoning tourism, much of it linked blatantly to Herriot themes.

The increasing popularity of Askrigg as a place to live, either to retire to or commute from, has led to many properties becoming second or weekend homes, pushing prices beyond the pockets of young couples on local wages

On Christmas Eve, the BBC is tion of All Creatures Great and Small, but there are no plans for any further programmes.

This has prompted differing views within Askrigg. Some villagers are glad it is all over, but others, who have enjoyed the brush with fame and fortune and have developed friendships with actors and television crew mem-

bers, express some regret.

John Abraham, the 63-year-old chairman of Askrigg parish council reflects a view held by a number of villagers: "I am pleased the series is ending. There has been too much publicity for a place this size. We can't cope with the cars bringing in the tourists. Some of them come here expect-ing to be entertained, but there is nothing to entertain them. I am hoping we can go back to being a

quiet, normal working village." Such hopes will probably prove to be unfounded. As one local noted: "The rest of the programmes are in the can, to be repeated endlessly.

Other areas of the country have sunced on fame from television or books to promote their tourist industries: Holmfirth in West Yorkshire, the Last of the Summer Wine country, Catherine Cookson country in the northeast; and Eric Wainwright country in the Lake District. But, perhaps more than anywhere else, the Yorkshire Dales have become linked with one man. There are Herriot tours, Herriot tearooms, Herriot gift shops stocking Herriot guidebooks as well as numerous other attempts to cash in on the name.

Mr Harvey, who is drawing up a strategy to deal with tourism in the Dales well into the next century, says: "In some ways the series has cheapened the area. The Dales had their own majesty before this programme for people who made the effort to see them. When all the interest began, we thought it was no bad thing. Only later did we realise it was a mixed blessing."

At a recent dinner of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Robert Hardy, who plays Siegfried in the series, conceded that filming of the programme "bored the tourists and annoyed the locals".

In a stone cottage called Coles

House, Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby are compiling a pictorial survey of the village and its 400 or so residents. It will become part of Askrigg's Herriot connection to be handed down to succeeding generations. Only time will tell whether the rest of the legacy will be as gratefully received.

Breeding

Santa's

FEW animals have done more for mankind than reindeer, which provide meat, milk, mobility. clothing and Christmas fun.

Elizabeth and Alan Smith own the only free-ranging herd in Britain. Among the near 100-strong herd on their leased 6,000 acres in the Cairngorms are "stars" from Santa Claus: the Movie.

Reindeer are among the most tractable and docile of creatures. Two quite happily followed me into a hospital lift to get to the children's ward on the fourth floor," Mrs Smith says of her recent tour of schools and hospitals in the south of England.

The Smiths' reindeer are mainly the offspring of the 25 animals introduced into Scotland in the early Fifties by Mikel Utsi, a Swedish Lapp, and his wife, Dr Ethel Lindgren. On the deaths of the pioneering couple, Mr Smith, formerly an apprentice keeper, acquired the Cairngorm Reindeer Centre, "We have about a dozen reindeer trained for halter and harness and public appearances

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Reindeer have a nose for food but, after Christmas, they will move into the hills and we probably won't see them again until May, when the calves are born," Mrs Smith says.

Although social animals, they are nomadic and self-sufficient, surviving on lichens, heathers, sedges, bilberries and deciduous trees, but the Smiths supplement their animals' winter diet with sugar beet, oats and barlev.

When the caives are born, almost invariably one per cow in May, they resemble colts and are about 18in high at the shoulder. They must be on their feet and running with their mothers within an hour or so of birth; it is unheard of for a calf to be left at the mercy of predators.

The reindeer calves start looking for solid food within three days of birth and can suckle for up to five months, although they are capable of living independently after a month," Mrs Smith says. In evolutionary terms, reindeer

are the most advanced species of deer, and the only one in which both males and females grow Fully grown reindeer, standing about 31/2ft high at the shoulder, are probably smaller than many

people imagine, Mrs Smith says. They live for up to 13 years. SANDY BISP • Further information, and details of the Adopt a Reindeer scheme, are available from Mrs Elizabeth Smith, the Cairngorm Reindeer Centre, Glenmore, Aviemore, Inverness-shire

PH22 (0479 86228).

Hurrah, the killer is back

Feather report

THREE years ago I would get over-excited by the sight of a sparrowhawk. It can't be! It is, you know! Unbelievable! Well, I am delighted to say that this year I have have grown blase about them, Jolly good, another sprawk; how many is that this year? Dunno, lost count. Did you miss it? Never mind, there'll be another one along in a minute.

Recent sparrowhawk sightings: one overflying me by no more than six feet on Hadley Wood railway station in Hertfordshire; one from a car on the Staines bypass in Surrey; two in half-an-hour viewed from the top deck of a horse; one being mobbed by a couple of crows. The last one was sailing along as if he were enjoying his display of casual mastery of the airways when one crow got too close. For a fraction of a second. the sparrowhawk flicked over and inverted, flashed his talons. The crows backed off.

And yet another, this time at the Slimbridge reserve in Gloucester-shire, during the floodlit feeding of the swans. There are always stariings that come to pinch some of the swans' food. Bang! A thunderbolt. And there was a sparrowhawk with a dead starling. The sparrowhawk had appeared and killed during the blinking of an eye. Thanks, chaps, you can turn the lights off now. Resourceful beasts, these sparrowhawks. These signings do not illustrate

my good fortune. There are a lot more sparrowhawks about. The British Trust for Ornithology has just published the results of its Common Bird Census for 1988-89: yes, we have an increase, a marked reverse of recent trends. Something worth celebrating.

Sparrowhawks are Britain's second most common bird of prey. First place goes to kestrels, the birds that hover alongside motorways. (In fact, I can see one even as I write this piece: a female hovering over the railway cutting in front of my window.)

Kestreis are highly visible, particularly the female. Sparrowhawks are not. They are dashing exploiters of cover they lurk in



Kinepin: the sparrowhawk is recovering from DDT and gamekeepers

woods, move fast and appear unexpectedly. By then it is too late for most birds: sparrowbawks eat virtually nothing but birds. Gamekeepers have always been

great killers of sparrowhawks. Some still are, but there are few gamekeepers about, and that has certainly help sparrowhawks along. helped The real reason for the resur-

gence of the sparrowhawk, however, is to do with pesticides. DDT, made to kill insects, is a brilliantly efficient killer of birds of prey. It is an old story now (though not, as we shall see, out of date). The poison is residual and it marches through the entire ecosystem: if you eat insects affected by DDT the poison builds up and concentrates inside you: if you eat the birds that eat the insects that are affected by DDT you get the highest concentration of all. Bad news for sprawks.

Birds of prey were affected catastrophically. DDT was finally banned as recently as 1986, after a period of gradual phasing out. It is only recently that sparrowhawks have made anything like a recovery. These things take time.

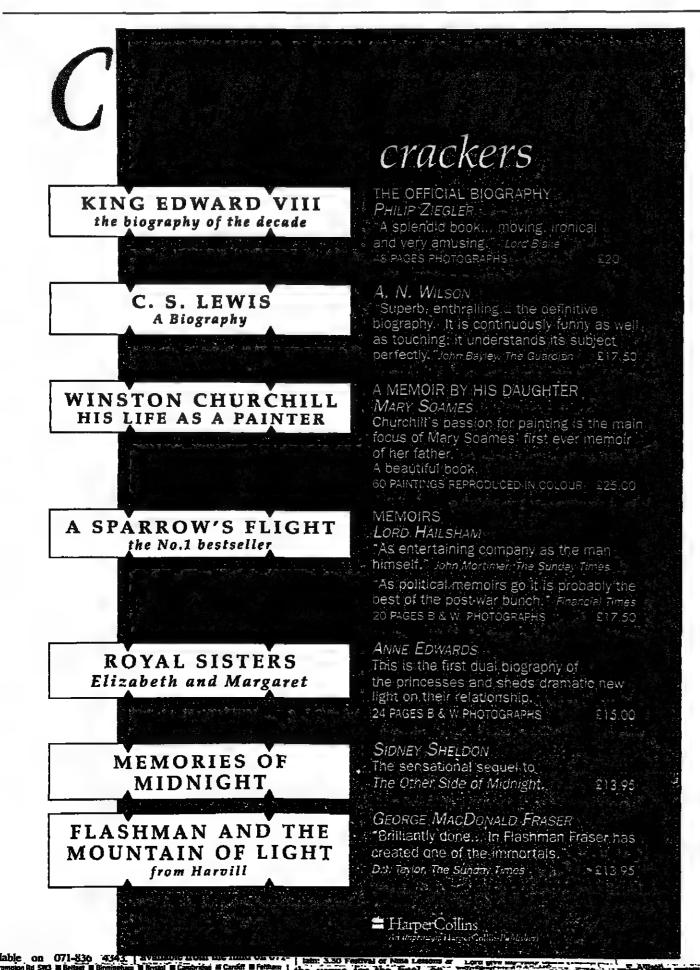
I do most of my birding in the

south and east it is here, where there are great tracts of arable land, that sparrowhawks were most disastrously affected, and where they have been slowest to revive. But they are making it now. All of which leaves us with a happy ending: wise legislation. a great bird, a conservation success. Three cheers for everybody. But there is a sting in the tail, alas.

It is illegal to use DDT in Britain because it has a terrible effect on our countryside. But the stuff is cheap, the patent has expired, and there are plenty of people still making it. These include two companies in India, and others in eastern Europe, China and South Africa. The endusers of the poison are in the Third World: it is the traditional pattern of repeating the errors of the developed world,

However, every small gain in conservation is worth a cheer. It is heartening to see sparrowhawks, to know that their increasing numbers indicate in the clearest way that a poison has been eliminated from the ecosystem of which they are the kingpin.

SIMON BARNES



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the editorial director of Hodder & Stoughton has

mud in his blood. His

father came from the Liz-

ard in Cornwall, an isolated

peninsula, one part oozing with

tidal creeks, the rest bare, wind-

swept and, in Sue Trewin's opin-

Mr Trewin was born and raised

in Hampstead, north London, and

when he married moved to his

wife's large family home in adjoin-

ing Highgate. When, later, they

decided to look for a second home,

Mr Trewin's first instincts may

have been to go to Cornwall but

they looked at it more practically.

Trewin says, "and decided that we

might as well go north. Neither of us knew Norfolk but it was close

enough and cheap enough."
They went to look. Mr Trewin

was entranced by the Great Ouse,

a tidal river in the marshlands.

and they bought a cottage on the

riverbank at Wiggenhall St Ger-

house was totally unsuitable for

two small children, but when you live near the Archway Road, or

anywhere in London, danger is

something that you have to deal

the cottage being unsuitable was

that it was unfit for human

habitation. There was a closure

order it. "When I first saw the

place, the rising damp had reached

the first-floor joists and there were

sweet peas sprouting from the brickwork," Mr Trewin says. It

was no surprise to be told by the

estate agents that the previous

inhabitant had died of pneumo-

nia, nor to find that neither of the

two staircases satisfied building

regulations, that a kitchen and a

bathroom needed to be added, the

roof renewed and the damp

they would have dared to buy the

cottage had they known what they

were letting themselves in for.

They spent 11 months negotiating

grants, dealing with local authorities and finding builders. It was

nearly two years after the pur-

chase, in September 1973, that

they moved into the southwest-

facing home large enough for a

family of four, newly listed by the

environment department as of

historic interest, and with the

bonus of a walled garden and a riverside frontage. "It was a

wonderful escape from London,

It still is. Mrs Trewin says:

"There is no sense of urgency and

no feeling of pressure in this place.

People take life slowly, they lean

against gateposts and they talk. In

London people only come into a

house if they are invited or they

they just amble in for the contact,

with nothing in particular to say."

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It was because Mr Trewin felt

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Mr Trewin says.

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mans. Mrs Trewin says:

with all the time."

We examined the map," Mrs

stitch serpent.

madder and indigo.

complex jackets, waistcoats and full-length coats. One of her waistcoat designs includes angora rabbit fur, goat and alpaca hair

Dyes used for the subtle waistcoat shades, finished with ten delicately embroidered panels front and back, the latter tapering butterfly-wing fashion, include madder, logwood and fustic. "And here's spider plant . . . I love



Jan MacMillan: woolly wonder

Typhoo and here's Earl Grey," she Before she can add colour, however, Mrs MacMillan has to wash the wool well, to remove grease. It is necessary for most dyes to be mordanted, ensuring

secome distorted."

the Slade school of art, in London, did not take up knitting until housing she lives in part of a Tudor mansion. "I had lots of wool from the sheep we were keeping," she says, "and so I bought a spinning wheel kit and tried to spin. But I really didn't

for a daughter at art school. The "mis-shapen, moth-eaten thing" took a year to complete, but was admired by other students who Bristol offered her an exhibition, and an American buyer ordered so many garments that she had to

conscript an army of outworkers.

But as the business prospered. Mrs MacMillan began to feel the creative core of her venture was beginning to melt away under a mountain of wool. Now she revels once more in individual commissions. Her knitwear costs from £90 to £200 for smaller items, but a full-length coat would cost about

SANDY BISP For further information, contact Jan MacMillan at Postlip Hall, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire.

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

Beningborough: Art exhibition of sik screen prints and lino cuts - the work of two local artists and craft sale plus two carol concerts in the great hall. Torright
7.30pm, the Beningborough
Singers, tomorrow 7pm, Voices in
Concert. Coffee and mince pies
with both.

Beningborough Hall, Shipton by-Beningborough, York. Exhibition of crafts, today. tomorrow, noon-5pm. Concert tickets £6 (booking 0904

 Quality antiques and fine art fair: 100 exhibitors. Pre-1930 general datelines, oil paintings and water colours pre-1935. Milifield School, Street, Somerset, Today 10am-6pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm. Adult

£1.50. Further information 0363

 Christmas concert: The Kensington Gore Singers, directed by Petronella Dittmer, with songs and music on a Christmas

Laycock Abbey, near Chippenham, Wiltshire. Tonight 7.30pm. Tickets £6, check availability with abbey (0249 Christmas crack-up: Make Christmas decorations - all

materials provided - and try out the centre's mulled wine and Tunnel End Canal and Countryside Centre, near Huddersfield, Yorkshire (0484 846062). Today 1-4pm. Free. Father Christmas at the Wildfowl Trust: For children, reindeer rides, and a visit to Father Christmas in his grotto to receive badge and gift.
Wildfowl and Wedlands Trust,
Arundel, West Sussax (0903

883355). Today until Dec 23, 10.30am-12.30pm and 2.30-4.30pm. Children's tickets £1. NEXT WEEK

Christmas evening: On the floodilt medieval island, minstrels, wassailers, a barn dance, clog dancing, and a mummers play. Also carols and a Salvation Army band. Hot soup, Sussex punch, roast chestnuts, local ales. Mitchelham Priory, Upper Dicker, near Hellsham, East Sussex. Tues, 7-10pm. Adults £4.50, child 5-15, £2.50. Booking on 0323 440161.

 Victorian Christmas evening: Traditional carols in front of the house. Refreshments for sale and National Trust shop open. Blickling Hall, Blickling, Aylsham, near Norwich (0263 733084). Thurs 6.30pm. No

JUDY FROSHAUG

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Sad affair with Mrs Robinson

I GATHER from reading the women's pages lately that it is fashionable for men to confess infidelity and let their emotions hang out. A stiff upper lip, they tell me, is the worst thing I can adopt. So, if you will afford me a shoulder on which to weep, may I confess to having had a brief fling?

She was no beauty. Indeed, in any farming set-up other than ours she might well have been written off as scrap. The blue enamel of her youth had been severely scarred and her general appearance suggested a tired old barmaid who had, in her time, been backed and bumped into just about everything. Dented but unbowed, she stood foursquare in the barn; a wise old biddy who had comforted many a pressured farmer through difficult times. With a mechanical wink and a nod, she was now offering the same solace to me. On

her radiator, she called herself "Fordson Major". Mrs Robinson would have been more appropriate: she was a mature temptress of a tractor.

I dislike tractors. always have, and have said often that if I ever had to give up using carthorses, farming would no longer hold any attraction for me. But last Monday morning, with the icy rain thrashing in off the North Sea, I looked at the deep. sodden muck in the yard, glanced at

are, however, perfectly comfort-

able with royalty. The Windsor presence is taken for granted

because they are so often at

Sandringham, 20 minutes away.

"We saw the Duke of Kent in

King's Lynn and no one batted an

eyelid; the Queen and a lady-in-

vaiting were riding in San-

dringham woods and no one

blinked. We almost got run down

by the Duke of Edinburgh when he

was out carriage driving: a thunder

of hooves, the ground shaking and

the duke charging down on us,"

filled, the locals keep to them-

selves, the landscapes unrel-

ievedly flat. One might wonder

what the real attraction of a

second home in Norfolk could be.

something oddly beguiling about

the place. It's always changing, the

river coming in and going out, bringing the unexpected to our

door, whether it's a wairus or

seals, a dead cow or even a human

the tide. It's hypnotic and we've

NICOLA MURPHY

got caught up by it."

For Mr Trewin "there really is

So the cottage is damp and junk-

Mr Trewin says.

the tractor and its hydraulic muckfork and decided that, for a morning at least, I would make the starting of the diesel engine my first job of the day. The bliss of the union did not

last long. I felt uneasy at filling the farmyard with vile exhaust fumes. It was as crass as blowing cigarette smoke into a florist's shop: acrid fumes are no fair exchange for the pleasant odours of equine and bovine flatulence, blended with the sweet smell of hay. Then there was the noise. The

rattle of the old tractor echoed between the high walls of the barn and obliterated the comforting sounds of animal teeth ripping hay from a bale, and the odd metallic chime of a carthorse's hoof as he moved in his stall. Besides, I soon began to do

serious damage. The tractor has a high frame to stop the driver being crushed should it topple over. reverse without looking and take a length of guttering with you. In my haste to retrieve that situation I drove forward with such speed

that I was unable to stop before the sharp prongs of the muck-fork had turned the drinking trough into a colander. Enough was enough.

Ten minutes later the affair was over, the tractor was back in the barn and the horse was harnessed to the tipping muck-cart; I was back in the bosom of my old love, happily wielding a fork beside a big, warm, patient horse. There was no grinding of gears or revving of engines, just honest labour and gentle understanding.

A good carthorse can be worked far more easily than any tractor. As I progressed across the yard with my muck-shifting I did not even have to lead him forward. If you say. "Juss whan step of hose " he will drag the cart forward a single pace, and stop. more, old man," and he will edge forward again. He listens as you curse when wet muck falls from

the fork and solatters your face with filth, sympathises when a heavy forkful sets you panting. There is no such friendship in a tractor. Just to check

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that my marriage to horse-drawn farming was still sound, I went to the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court later in the week. To lovers of the latest in hightech farming this is veritable bordello of temptation, with machines in iridescent livery all promising hard-pressed

farmers to deliver more for less effort. It is seduction on a grand scale. I found it a thoroughly miserable experience. Only when you come close to these monsters do you realise how far farming is now removed from the grasp of the common countryman. There are huge devices for spreading animal feed which must require so much attention that the animals hardly get a second glance.

Tractor cabs are now so high and insulated that it seems unlikely that young farmers can ever develop the same understanding of the soil as their ancestors, who walked the furrow behind a horsedrawn plough. And, for all the majesty of these modern machines, no salesman standing beside one ever seems as proud, to me, as a horseman standing at the bead of his plough team.

To fall in love with devices that tempt you into believing they will land is very easy. Having strayed down that path, I know now that happy farmers are those who keep both feet on the ground.

Originals: Jan MacMillan, knitter

threatened that he resisted install-

ing a phone. He did not want to be

reached by the office. "They still

managed to find me, however.

One summer a man arrived on a

bicycle, having pedalled from two

villages away; he trundled up,

huffing and puffing and bearing a

succumbed to family pressure (the

complaints of authors and per-

sonal assistants having had no

effect) and the BT man was summoned. Mr Trewin seems

rather guilty about this, perhaps

feeling acceptance of the 20th

prepared to compromise. When

you are young you prefer to put up

with a lot of deprivation. You get

They are now redecorating. Mr

Trewin confesses that he started to

think "I can't put up with this particular piece of furniture or

that carpet any longer. Some of it

is really ghastly and it's all pretty

room, for instance, were £1 each in

a second-hand shop. Most of the

stuff came from junk shops,

closing down sales, and the classi-

older and you get softer."

"As you get older you are more

century was an ideal betrayed.

Last weekend Mr Trewin finally

Seeing the wool for the trees

knitting a tree; not bad going for someone who, ten years ago, would not have made a very good job even of casting on. "I like knitting trees. It's something I just start, and away I go. They only need space to hang on a wall," she says, craning to peer into the uppermost branches of her latest,

aft high, specimen. This one might be described as the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil knit large. Nestling among its branches, whose leaf colours have been achieved using pure leaf dyes, is a red apple ripe for picking by a grasping, woolly hand. Above is Eve's knitted expression and, below, a stocking

Just as individual as her knitting are the dyes she uses. These come from her garden in Gloucestershire, where she grows, among other things, woad, weld,

Mrs MacMillan spins the wool from her own sheep, and apart from her arborial output she knits and mixtures of silk. "This part is Airedale dog," she says matter-offactly. A trace of white next to that

turns out to be Persian cat.



experimenting," Mrs MacMillan says. "You bever quite know what's going to happen."

Her brown, knitted wrap is an experiment: "That band is

that the colour will hold. "You mix your chemicals first," says Mrs MacMillan, "Take cochineal, If you mordant that with alum, you get rosy red. If you add tin, you get very bright scarlet and if you use chrome or copper you will

arrive at purples. With other dyes, such as madder, it depends on important to use stainless steel utensils throughout the dyeing process, otherwise the colours can

fied advertisements in the local

paper. "Because it's a holiday

cottage you don't want it to matter

if friends come and stay and

something gets broken. And you worry less about break-ins."

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many people but the ones we do

know are wonderful. Phyllis and

John, a retired policeman, look

after the cottage for us. There is

nothing they won't do, whether it

involves climbing up into the loft

to try and fix a leak or organising

someone else to do it. I don't know

many people in Highgate who would do that for you."

word gets round, fast. When the

chimneys needed repointing. Mr

bour who didn't think his chap

could do it as he was getting on a

bit. "Ten minutes later a man

turned up saying I hear you want

Should they need something,

Casual crime does not fit the

At home on the riverbank: Ion Trewin says it was wonderful to get out of town. "There is something beguiling about this place; it's always changing"

'A thunder of hooves, the ground

shaking, and the Duke of

Edinburgh charging down on us'

Trewin says.

your chimneys done. He was even

older than the painter next door

and he did a very good job," Mr

So how much of a home can a

second home actually be? "We've

put a lot of ourselves into the

cottage. It's somewhere we call our

Mr Trewin says. But their visits to

the cottage are irregular, which is

why, Mrs Trewin believes, they

still do not feel a part of the

village. "It takes a very long time

before you are accepted. We

stayed one Christmas and saw no

one. Everyone battened down the

hatches." They did not try that

experiment again. Even an artist

friend and his wife who now live

permanently in the village say

typical of marshlands and the fens.

The people are ill at ease with

anyone new." The locals

still know nobody. "I hat, says Mr Trewin, "is somehow

own and thus we do feel at home,"

Home from home: Ion and Sue Trewin

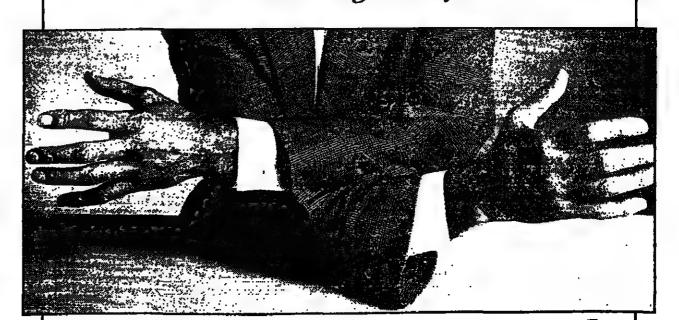
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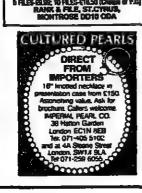
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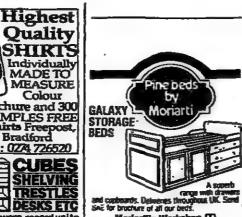












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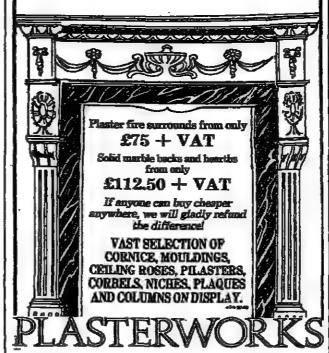
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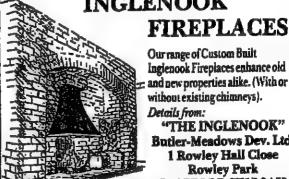


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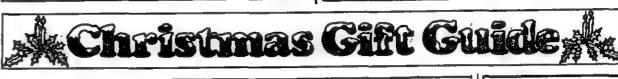
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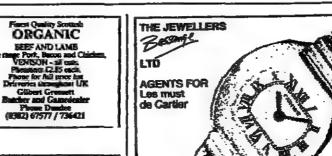




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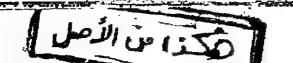
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'Vintage' wine: how old would you like it to be?

fully laid down in the celiar could taste sour. The first is that there were faults in its bottling or storage. The second, that the wine is fake. Quality wines are not sampled for generations, which gives a faker ample time to make his getaway. He also has on his side the fact that few people can tell the nectar from the naff.

Misgivings remain as to the authenticity of four bottles of Twenties Château Petrus opened at a recent wine tasting given by Hardy Rodenstock, the German collector and dealer. To me they didn't look like wines of those vintages, being all too much alike. Normally in wines of that age you. get substantial differences," says David Peppercorn, an inter-national consultant based in

London, who attended the tasting. During the decade in question, the "château" was small and obscure, with no documentary records, "A lot of châteaux have no accurate records of where their wines went, especially during the war," Mr Rodenstock szys,

Even at the best of times, quality wine has always offered difficulties of definition. After sustaining a poor crop, growers have been known to improve, or pad out, their inferior products by adding grapes from nearby vineyards. Now, with wine values on the increase, the temptation to fake potions is greater than ever. Scientific methods of testing are

fallible, carbon dating of deposits being reliable for a limited number of dates. Anyway, some people could fake a given vintage by adding the necessary amounts of radioactive carbon, says Geoffrey Taylor of Corkwise, a chemist who is often employed by the Wine Standards Board. The new French technique of "nuclear magnetic resonance" can confirm where grapes were grown, but not when.

Mr Peppercorn says owners of several leading châteaux are concerned at the increase of suspicious requests to recork old bottles. "Nowadays they want a pretty good reason for obliging, because being recorked and labelied on their premises confers a certain authenticity."

Over the past decade, however, a few fakers have been unmasked. often due to slip-ups on their own part. An overseas client sold at Christie's a jeroboam of 1924 Mouton Rothschild, the first wine

here are two reasons why that treasured liquid care-

a special occasion could be more nouveau than expected, says Sarah Jane Checkland

produced by Baron Philippe de Rothschild. It was bought for several thousand pounds by a Cheshire-based wine merchant who took it away on credit. Having got it home, he noticed that the jostling from train journey had left no sign of sediment, says Michael Broadbent, Christie's wine expert. "Rather riskily, he opened it. It was red ink." Later it transpired that the bottle had been on display in a restaurant.

A Kent man called C.P. Lutman got away with faking relatively cheap vintage port for two years. His successes included selling bottles through Phillips in Oxford. Two bottles were intercepted at Christie's South Kensington, following suspicions voiced by Sotheby's. "We had serious concern over two bottles because the wax seal at the top was not traditional wine wax, but candle wax dyed black," says David Molyneux-Berry, to whom the bottle was consigned. "I thought perhaps a private individual had decided to rewax the bottle, because the wax sometimes comes

written to the man, asking him for more information about the bottles, Mr Molyneux-Berry put them in Sotheby's cellar. Then, one Monday morning, there was an enormous cracking noise. One of the bottles had popped its cork, causing the bottle to bounce around the room. The expert grabbed it and tasted some of the

Italian semi-sparkling wine, mixed with sugar and a bit of yeast," Mr Molyneux-Berry says. When the police visited Mr Lutman, they caught him redhanded, concocting another batch from supermarket wine. After a court case, he was fined.

remains. "It was Lambrusco, an

The biggest cause célèbre, however, surrounds a bottle of 1787 Château-Lafite, said to have been ordered by Thomas Jefferson, the American president, during a trip to France. The bottle fetched a world record at Christie's of £105,000 in 1985, selling to Malcolm Forbes, the American millionaire. Mr Rodenstock, the vendor, refuses to say where he found it, other than in Paris. The

museum in Charlottesville.

"We cannot make any connection between Jefferson and that particular bottle, and others which have been sold since then," says Cinder Stanton, director of research at the musem last week. "I am not particularly impressed

with Christie's research."

The debate focuses on the fact that, although Jefferson kept records of all wine purchases obsessively, there is no record of this. Also, the initials "Th. J.", wheel-engraved on the bottle, do not "quite fit any of the forms used or specified by Jefferson", according to Miss Stanton

We will never know the truth about the Jefferson wine as, having been placed under bright lights in Forbes's museum of presidential history, its cork sbrank and fell into a liquid which was by then stewed.

However, let us return to your cellar at home. Say the bottle selected tastes glorious. Before you toast your connoisseurship, or luck, consider this: apart from essences capable of imitating the oak from an old cask, the latest equipment on the faker's list is a machine which is believed to age wine by sound waves.

you buy a foolproof provenance

off, but why dye it black?" Having Man with a nose for a rarity

he two biggest questions in the wine world are: Who is Hardy Rodenstock, and where does he make his extraor-dinary wine finds?

The German national first hit the headlines in 1985 as the man who discovered the Thomas Jefferson bottle of Château-Lafite which sold for a record-breaking £105,000 at Christie's.

Since then, his triumphs have included unearthing 100 cases of 19th century classified-growth Bordeaux in Venezuela, for which he has said he paid nearly \$1 million (£515,000) in cash, and a rare bottle bearing the 18th century coat of arms of the Sauvage family in Leningrad.

According to Stephen Browett, of Farr Vintners in London, Mr Rodenstock is "the most famous wine collector in the world". His connoisseurship is certainly formidable: he has been known to identify numerous difficult vinduring tastings.

The problem is that many of Mr

Rodenstock's stocks appear on the market without a provenance, or history. The Jefferson bottle, he says, came with a bulk purchase of 100 bottles from Paris, but he refuses to say exactly where. As the current issue of the Wine

pectator magazine says, he "continues to raise as many questions as he answers about the authenticity of the rare wines he pulls out of Michael Broadbent, the head of

wine at Christie's, says people "think his wine is too good to be true", although in his opinion it is absolutely authentic. "I'd love to know more myself about where he gets them from." An Essen-born beer drinker and, he once said, manager of "easy-listening music similar to the Carpenters" in the Seventies, Mr Rodenstock had a "road to Damascus" experience in

tages correctly while blindfolded 1976 after drinking some excellent bottles of Bordeaux at a friend's house, and within two years he had left the music business to start collecting and dealing in wines. Now he has cellars all over the world, and is constantly on the move, selling to a coterie of industrialists in Germany and Japan. Since 1980 he has held what have become legendary wine

> Apart from being under fire by Wine Spectator, which continues to question both his Jefferson bottle and some of his Château Petrus vintages, the other intriguing aspect about Mr Rodenstock is that he has just initiated a dispute with an eastwhile friend to whom he sold some bottles on condition they were never sold again. The friend apparently tried to consign them to Christie's.



David Molyneux-Berry: "There was a cracking noise, a bottle was bouncing around the room"

Window on past devotions

THE Greek word eikona means an image: in the art world it is used to denote those gaunt, often lugubrious, devotional portraits, usually painted on wooden panels in strong colours and gold leaf, which decorate Greek and Russian Orthodox churches.

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However, collectors and devotees are acquiring the taste fast, and London is the hub of icon-dealing in the west. Maria Andipa, a Greek Orthodox who runs the Icon Gallery in Knightsbridge, London, says she regularly meets atheists "who want to have an icon in the house, mainly for its spiritual qualities". The first icon, she says, was an outline of Christ's features, imprinted on a towel as he mopped his Madonna and Child and a painting attributed to him, oclasts" seized and destroyed many over the years, which Hodighitria ("Pointer of the every icon they could find. Way") was quickly reproduced by icon painters. Five of these are now in Greece.

drinking the water as medi-priest had snatched it from the cine, or carrying about tiny rubble of a church destroyed shavings from them as a by Nicolae Ceansescu, the talisman. This practice contin- former president. ued in Byzantium until the What gives this icon (prob-8th century, when it was ably 18th century) its ineffable declared idolatrous and pro-quality for Mrs Andipa are the hibited for more than 100 accretions of intense spiritual



among the first painters of the Plaque paradox: Maria Andipa, an icoos specialist, says: "Atheists want something spiritual"

Iconoclasm is just as active today. Think of Romania. Mrs Andipa's greatest treasure As Christianity spread, so is from Romania: an intericons became objects of pretation of the Virgin veneration, even fetishism. swathed in tatty lace and five Miraculous qualities were rows of real pearls blackened claimed of them as protectors by candle smoke. It was against disasters, and people smuggled out of the country took to washing icons and by a Romanian woman whose

years. An official band of "icon- devotions, performed by so

incense. "For me," she says, "the aura of an icon is more important than the look." This may sound fanciful, but not only did an icon provide a focus for devotions - "a window to Paradise" in Mrs Andipa's phrase - but its creation was an act of devotion, requiring preparation in

the form of prayer and fasting. Originality and innovation play such a small part in the history of icons that dating and identification present problems, and there are fakes aplenty. Collectors prepared to travel will find many icons for sale in eastern Europe,

often genuine treasures, but they should know that while shops will gladly pocket their money, they will not be allowed to take their finds out of the country. Such stock may be the result of church theft or looting. Icons are still painted by traditional methods - even to using paint made to original recipes — and sold as new, thus avoiding such dilemmas. Mrs Andipa

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black ink drawing by

E. H. Shepard of Winnie the Pooh contemplating a bath mat made a record £22,000 at Christie's South Kensington. for Jan Lievens, the 17th at 11am.

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went unsold at Sotheby's.

• Today: Gentlemen are requested to behave in a seemly fashion during the sale of 400 lots of toy trains at Lacy Scott Masterly touch: The record in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk,

century Dutch painter, was Monday: The 2pm sale at smashed when his portrait of a Christie's South Kensington, hoy fetched £583,000 at will no doubt end in tears over Phillips at 11am with the since it, too, is devoted to sale of 150 of the original model trains, including the drawings by Joan Hickson. At

At 4pm, Wealden Auction Galleries begins an 800 lot mixum gatherum antique sale in the Vestry Hall at Cranbrook, Kent. There is yet another final session of Tom Keating's fake paintings at Bonhams at 6pm.

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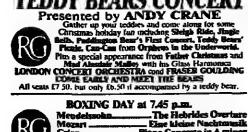
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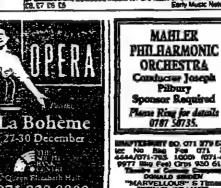
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THE South Bank this week has

been shadowing the Royal Opera's

current repertory, with two con-

cert performances of Die Fleder-

maus followed on Thursday by

one of Fidelio. Beethoven's must

be the opera most often done as a

concert piece, for the good reason

that it works that way: the musical

numbers are nearly all moments

of stasis set into a drama proceed-

ing in speech. And, as this

performance proved, one can

disconnect the music from the

truncated version of the dialogue,

but in fact not a word was said,

except, of course, in the melo-

drama sequence. It was perhaps

odd that Fernando should recog-

nise Florestan with astonishment

when both had their eyes fixed

firmly on the conductor, but better this than the kind of half-acting in

object of the principals' riveted

attention - and of the orchestra's,

and of the audience's - was Lorin

Maazel, whose repertory of tense,

angular gestures, springs and

crouches drew playing of keen

colour and emphatic address, at

tempos that were always brisk.

One benefit of a concert perfor-

mance, of course, is that one can

hear the orchestra more clearly, in

part simply because one can see it.

This was an occasion for appre-

ciating the great variety of texture

and instrumental resource the

score contains: the growling som-

bre sounds of trombones, bas-

soons and double-basses in the

second-act Leonore-Rocco duet.

for instance, were very much to

the fore. Orchestrally, this was a

performance at the furthest pos-

sible remove from the golden

blending of Bernard Haitink's

recent recording, but leanness was made an abundant advantage.

Another happy feature of the

performance was the singing of the

Philharmonia Chorus and Ambro-

sian Singers, a large body which

was yet able to operate over a wide

range of tone from cold pianis-

concert dress we often sec. The conductor who was the

The programme promised a

play altogether.

The mystery of the Sunday club murders

t is Sunday evening, a few days after Christmas. The cat is curled up on the sofa, the cousins have finally left and the answering-machine is set to intercept calls without so much as a ring. Poached eggs on toast and a dollop of Christmas pudding, smothered in brandy butter, have been washed down with half a bottle of claret. The blow of defeat at the new Trivial Pursuit is now a distant blur. Sinking deeper into the cushions, you press the television remote control to enjoy the last essential ingredient of perfect seasonal bliss: a cold-blooded whodunit.

So George Orwell might begin, if he was around today, to rewrite his celebrated 1946 essay. Decline of the English Murder. Dark winter evenings just would not be the same without the weekly appointment with death, and this year promises to be a bumper vintage. Next weekend the BBC unwraps its new television sleuth, Ngaio Marsh's slick 1940s Chief Inspector Roderick Alleyn (his case: bizarre murder of nude artist's model). Ruth Rendell's ubiquitous Chief Inspector Wexford has a two-hour special on Christmas Eve (famous flautist found drowned in icy lake). A new London Weekend Television series of Agatha Christie's Poirot starts on Sunday evenings in January; the sanguine Inspector Morse is back in February, and so

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The popular appeal of the whodunit is itself a mystery. Perhaps a clue lies in its scheduling normally on Sunday evenings, sandwiched somewhere between Songs of Praise and the news. As Orwell observed, Sunday was always the day for settling down in an armchair to enjoy a grisly murder in the paper. The old poisoning dramas made comforting reading because they were the product of a stable society, when crimes at least had strong emonons behind them.

The snag these days is that real murder can no longer be seriously Why are we gripped. by the whodunits?

William Cash

suspects that there is more to this case

than meets the eye

enjoyed as one of the fine arts. While a villain such as Dr Crippen was memorable because his crime had tragic qualities that could excite pity for both victim and murderer, the modern murder usually lacks cunning or depth of feeling. In fact it often appears meaningless. Although we are swamped by images of death in the newspapers or on television, there are rarely any explanations.

Watching a murder whodunit is very different. It is Aristotelian not only in linear structure but also in cathartic effect. To begin with, we know what is going to happen. We may not know who the killer is, but we know a heinous crime will be committed. "The corpse must shock", W.H. Auden wrote in an essay on detective fiction, "not only because it is a corpse, but also because, even for a corpse, it is shockingly out of place, as when a dog makes a mees on the drawing room carpet."

Next, a logical sequence of events must follow, in which guilty appear innocent and innocent guilty. Accepted moral values are shattered, until Poirot rounds up the suspects in the library and solves the crime. The criminal is exiled, fear dispelled, the moral order reaffirmed. So detectives such as Morse perform a useful therapeutic role, showing that justice will win in the end.

Colin Dexter, creator of Inspec-tor Morse, admits that one attraction of the whodunit is the vicarious satisfaction of sitting on the outside and observing some injustice. "Like at the end of a crossword puzzle you get a rever-sion to the moral equilibrium. The business of solving things in a neat unequivocal way is extremely important."
The oldest detective story is

Sophocles' Oedipus Rex. The murder story has always thrived in societies like our own, which have historically always had trouble enforcing law and order. Elizabethan England, for example, had no standing army or police force. When a murder was committed, someone had to be quickly exe-cuted in front of the largest audience possible to demonstrate that the cancer had been removed. In the Victorian age, Jack the Ripper became a legend precisely because he was never caught.

Death has always been a popular holiday sport. When the Romans watched gladiators maul each other to death, part of the thrill was walking away with the comforting feeling of a survivor. Witnessing the death of a stranger was a reassuring theatrical drama giving a momentary sense of immortality as well as a sharp reminder of mortality.

As John Carey has observed, religion is mankind's answer to death. Not many people spend Sundays in church these days, but an estimated 11 million will settle down to the ritual of watching Inspector Alleyn on BBC 1 next Sunday evening. This will be followed by an Everyman religious programme that the majority will doubtless switch off. The emotional comfort we will get from seeing Alleyn solving a crime finding an answer to death - is more than nostalgia for a vanished social order. It is a form of spiritual experience.

But the television whodunit has to adhere to a strict formula. Marsh's Artists in Crime fits the classic mould precisely by taking place in a closed society where the possibility of an outside murderer is excluded. The location of the drama must be as far removed from reality as possible, for if we'



Detective in a therapeutic role? Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot, as played by David Suchet

are to gain comfort from a murder, we have to know the suffering is imagined, not real. The genre requires that we never see the grisly action of the murderer at work. By the time we discover who the murderer is, his or her human qualities are so enmeshed in the rich period and domestic atmosphere that it is difficult not to feel empathy with him or her. Orson Welles's version of Mac-

barely coherent series of garbled

beth was flawed because he was shown hacking away at his victims with a 12-inch kitchen knife, while Shakespeare preferred to leave the audience just with his bloody hands and pitiable guilt. As Colin Dexter says: "Morse is almost sad at the end actually to arrest the perpetrator of the crime."

The police have traditionally had trouble gaining credibility in detective fiction. The eccentric amateur, such as Lord Peter Wimsey, has always been more fashionable. To get round the "PC Plod" stereotype, television police inspectors are now as cantankerously civilised as their amateur

modern, not even pastiche

predecessors. Just as Holmes played the violin and quoted Goethe and Flaubert (when not high on cocaine), so world-weary Morse is an opera expert, a whisky alienated hero for our times.

addict who drives a vintage Jaguar. Being something of a social misfit, Inspector Alleyn is a classic sieuth. After studying at Oxford University, he joined the diplomatic service, only to resign in order to join the police. Like Morse and P.D. James's Alexander Dalgleish, Alleyn is another Those zany Elizabethans at play

simos to full splendour, and which could also put the words across distinctly, even at low volume. Diction was not always so clear among the soloists. Luana Devol as Leonore offered a beautiful tone, warm but clear, and admirably sustained over a wide pitch range. She was, though, short on expression and on power, perhaps fearing a tendency for tone and articulation to falter under pressure. Thomas Moser as

Florestan, too, was rather quiet, though not in his opening clarion call. If he could gain a little cacy of a Mozart tenor, this would become a remarkable performance. Lillian Watson was a delightful Marzelline, Kurt Rydl a dark Rocco, giving the character an apt surliness, and Monte Pederson a fiery Pizzaro. He is the only one currently singing his role in the theatre; it showed.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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Wonders with tatty roles: Carol Burns and Graham Christopher

DANCE Raymonda Covent Garden

SHOULD the Royal Ballet be importing Laurent Hilaire from Paris to dance two performances of Raymonda? Some spectators as well as dancers are unhappy about the high number of guest stars at Covent Garden. But if the company has any other dancer suited in height, temperament, experience and ability to partner Sylvie Guillem, it has been keeping remarkably quiet about him.

Their performance together on Thursday was dazzling. Raymonda's big solo is based on Hungarian rhythms, with an implied mixture of moods to match its alternation of languor and speed. Altynai Asylmuratova, two weeks earlier, had brought out more strongly the reserved pride: Guillem put the chief emphasis on the fiery exhibaration. Both interpretations are rewarding when they are as well danced as by these

Guillem's crisp exactness of finish is matched point for point by Hilaire. Not many dancers can rival his blending of brilliance and elegance. While his legs are accomplishing bold and intricate patterns, his arms shape themselves into voluptuous arcs; and

all this while he is hurtling through the air. Among the supporting cast, the

best dancing came from Elizabeth McGorian and Stephen Wicks in the opening Hungarian dance. Like the French guests, they know how to deliver on stage: not just to perform the steps but to present them stylishly, enthusiastically, and with flair. Others around them moved competently, accurately, tidily, but the two lead couples in their contrasted entries really made the audience see the shape and point of the dances.

The other outstanding couple in this performance was Viviana Durante and Stuart Cassidy in the opening work, Balanchine's Stravinsky Violin Concerto. The way they dance the second slow movement, Aria II, is magical: letting a rich emotion come through the choreography without imposing any sentimentality on it. Durante has had less publicity than some of her contemporaries, but she is an unfailing source of delight for the consistent excellence of her

The French do not have a monopoly of talent, neither do the Russians who supply many of the other guest stars at present. There is ability among the Royal Ballet's own dancers, but whether it is always shown to best advantage is another matter.

latest play shows signs of lastneither the clarity of the plot nor mance brilliantly preserves the surprise element that provides the the energetic cast. The story involves Ben Jonson,

Warehouse, Croydon FOLLOWING breathlessly on the

THEATRE

In the Doghouse

side Studios, another mock-Elizabethan romp tumbles on to the London stage, full of deliberate anachronisms, as well as the usual droll naughtiness and plenty of knowing nudges in the ribs of

history.
On Wednesday, delighted screams from Croydon goodwives greeted the occasional verbal ruderies and the sight of a man in underwear, by hen-party standards the first scene goes with a swing. But after Sir Courtly Gallant has had his celestial globes fondled by Luscious Lucinda (who is not what she seems) and has been stripped to his longiohns, the merriment fizzles

(yes, the acronym is uttered several times) and, without giving away too much of the plot, a boy actor who plays women's roles and Shakespeare's twin sister, Apart from the rhymed couplets for Prickshafte who acts as pro-logue and epilogue, the language is out in a rambling, disjointed and

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THOUGH starting at one o'clock, this is no lunchtime quickie but a two-and-a-half-hour version of Hardy's novel of love, betrayal, selfishness and sacrifice. Rumours of a remarkable central perfor-mance are justified: it makes up for a rough and ready production (by Syd Golder), and effaces memories of Nastassia Kinski

On a stage bare but for the odd stick of furniture, John Dunne's adaptation packs in most of the novel. The eight-strong cast is sharply differentiated according to sex. The three women are good, though Joan Kirkman's sweet-faced, anxious Mrs Durbyfield is Hopkins provides a lovely portrait of poor Marian, the milkmaid jealous of Tess's ensnarement of and basically good-hearted.

To say the men are uniformly

episodes whose effortful facetious-Elizabethan. The satirical tone can ness evokes radio comedy at its be gauged by the portrayal of Iniso Jones as a camp Welsh designer in artist's smock, dying Writer David Allen is best known for Cheapside, another arabesque on Tudor themes. His to get into interior decorating. Shakespeare is initially presented as a naff Midlander with a Black Country accent. The perfor-

play's first (and last) coup de Shakespeare, a rogue called Arthur Prickshafte, Sir Courtly Gallant, a If the writing at times suggests property developer, and Shakespeare's dotty old mum, following him from Stratford with a basket of goodies. It also concerns a feminist group called the Distaff International Collective of Kent

an abandoned sitcom (an Up Yer Blackfriars!, perhaps) taken from the author's bottom drawer, the performance does at least do all it can to make it seem worthwhile. On Michael Pavelka's Tudor stage, a thrust platform backed by

directs a tirelessly enthusiastic

Not for the first time, Okon Jones's style and personality fill out feeble material. Carol Burns strives manfully as a north country lesbian feminist (another inand originality). Graham Christopher (Inigo

a traverse curtain, Ted Craig

Jones and Sir Courtly), David John (a boy actor) and Frank Ellis (Ben Jonson) do wonders with their tatty roles. Of Linda Spurrier, suffice it to say that ber stint with the Royal Shake-speare Company has paid unforcseen dividends

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least a consistent character emerges from Simon Holmes's Alec, an aristocratic seducer. Tim Tracey's gangling Angel Clare is a token figure playing a set of not too varied variations on a note of doleful gormlessness throughout. The same lugubrious tone is applied equally to such lines as Fie upon you for such bitterness", "I love you better in your wing bonnet" and, when con-

you mean, killed him? Bodily? Is he dead?" The crucial scenes between Tess, the girl with the guilty secret, and her goody-goody fiancé become even more than usual a meeting of different cultures and social assumptions, since the two actors occupy different planets. It makes Tess's heartbroken "Am I too wicked for us to live together?" sound like her own idea, since her immobile partner seems incapable of formulating anything

fronted by the woman who has just murdered her lover, "What do

so positive.
Fortunately, at the heart of the production Tanya Franks glows with intelligence and sensitivity, a Tess truly "a peasant by position, not by nature". She combines vulnerability with pride, freshness with dignity, hope with increasing disillusionment. Her final confrontation with authority is deeply moving. Watch out for her.

MARTIN HOYLE

Churchill's stalking horse "There was a strange miasma about the early 1980s. I was making Caravaggio just as Winston Churchill's bill came along, and he used me as one of the stalking horses. At the

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same time, the arts minister, Grey Gowrie, was coming to see me on the set, saying 'Great, great, this looks wonderful'. You see the anomalies I had to deal with?" Derek Jarman, the uncompromising independent director, talks to John Walsh, in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

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BBC 1

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair. Cartoon about a girl and her dog (r) 7.05 Janosch's Story Time. Cartoon senes (r) 7.30 Touché Turtie. Cartoon adventures of the carapace cavali (r) 7.35 Babar. Animated adventures of

the the femous element 8.00 Breakfast Serials. Another episode from the five disparate senals - The Kitchen Crew, Single Tales, Zounds, Flunners and NiceChap — all starring Caroline Berry, John Biggins, Lucy Jenkins and William Patrie 8.35 BraveStarr. Cartoon (r)

9.00 Going Live! Young people's magazine hosted by Phillip Schofield and Sarah Greene. EastEnders star Sophie Lawrence presents the grand final of stage one in the talent contest to find the best young entertainer in Britain. Guesta include Unda Robson and Pauline Quirke from Birds of a Feather and there is a review of feature films being rele the Christmas samouri 12.12 Weather

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Cricket: highlights of the World Series Cup fourth round game between England and New Zealand in Brisbane, 12.30 Skiling: the mens downhill championship from Val Gardena. The commentator is David Vine; 12.50 Racing from Ascot (the HSS Hire Shops hurdle); 1.20 (Youngmans Long Walk hurdle); and

1.55 (the SGB Handicap chase). With commentary by Peter O'Sullevan, Julian Wilson, Richard Pitman and Peter Scudamore; 1.00 News; 1.30 and 2.05 Show Jumping: the Olympia Horse Show from London. The. commentators are Raymond Brooks Ward and Stephen Hadley, 2.50 Rugby League: a round three match in the Regal Trophy. Highlights of the first half and live coverage of the second Ray French describes the action, 3.45 Tennis: the lirst semi-final of the Grand Slam Cup from Munich. Mark Cox and Dan Maskell are the commentators; 4.40 Afternoon Sportscerie

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.15 Scottish News and sport 5.20 The Flying Doctors: No Way Back. Uncomplicated drama series about Australia's Flying Doctor Service. Sedness for Sam and Emma when they lose their much-wanted baby. George Baxter tries to get his hands on Ann's property and Chris takes Geoff up in her Tiger Moth. Starring Robert Grubb and Liz Burch.

6.05 The Noel Edmonds Saturday Roadshow. The vertue is the Billericay School for Performing Arts where Ronnie Corbett is the principal. He fancies himself as a talent spotter and among the eager participants are Noel, Henry Cooper, Blue Peter's John Leslie and guests Kiri Te Kanawa and Richard Cayderman 6.50 Every Second Counts. Three more

couples compete for a dream holiday

7.25 Challenge Anneka. Anneka Rice is again busy building flome in a day, but this time it is to redecorate, inside and out, the lighthouse in Happisburgh, Norfolk, recently saved from redundancy by the grateful local residents Anneka's main task is finding painters with a head for heights.

8.15 Film: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986). Fast and funny comedy starring Matthew Broderick (currently opposite Merion Brando in The Freshman) who plays a teenage truant determined to have the "day off" of a lifetime. To this end he drags along his friend from his sick bed and sets off in a borrowed 1961 Ferrari. Directed by John Hughes.

9.55 News with Martyn Lewis. Sport and eather (Ceefax) 10.15 Soortscene with Dougle Donnelly. includes Football action from the premier division; Rugby Union: the McEwen's Inter District championship; and Show Jumping from the Grand

Hall, Olympia 11.45 Film: Day of the Triffids (1963). Patchily effective adaptation, with goodish special effects, of John Wyndham's classic scrift novel about man-eating plants. US naval officer Howard Keel is one of the few sighted people left after Earth has been bombed by a shower of meteorites and Janette Scott plays a marine biologist who tries to understand the mystenous triffids. Directed by Steve

1.20mm Weather

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 Motormouth, Neil Buchenan, Gaby Rosim and Andy Crane present the Saturday morrang show. This week's edition includes highlights of a charity football match between Steve Cram's All Stars and Frank Bruno's All

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video features Talking Heads 12.90 Posh Frocks & New Trousers. Annabel Giles, Krishnan Guru-Murtin and Smah Greene introduce the fashion magazine (r)

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather 1.10 Saint & Greavskir, Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves look at the sporting action for the weekend 1.40 Sportsmasters. Dicke Davies with

the first semi-final of the sports quiz 2.10 Rags To Riches. American comedy starring Joseph Bologne as a millionaire with five adopted daughters 3.05 Snooker. Action from the second day of the best-of-35 frames World Matchplay final from Brentwood,

4.45 Resume Service with Elton Welsby 5.00 News with Sue Carpenter Weather 5.06 LWT News and weather

5.15 Disney Cartoon Time 5.30 The New Adventures of Black Beauty: At Risk. Jenny goes to look at a neighbour's mare. The neighbour's husband is away, and when Jenny arrives she finds the wife has two crises — her baby has a dangerously high temperature and the mare is having problems fealing 6.00 Catchphrase. The high-tech computer quiz hosted by Roy Walker

9.30 Same Difference (r) (Teletext)

10.00 To Norway — Home of Giants. An irreverent look at Norwegran life through

Norway to trace his Viking ongins 10.30 Film: The Courtship of Andy Hardy

the eyes of John Cleese who visits

(1942, b/w). One of the senes of low-budget Andy Hardy films, produced by MGM, which were very successful just before and during the second world wer Starring Mickey Rooney as Andy and Donne Reed, who went on to play Miss Eilie in Dellas Directed by

George B. Sertz 12.15 The Dingles.

1.00 Two Men in a Marsh. Malcolm Muggeridge, who died last month, is seen in the summer of 1987 on a stroll around Romey Marsh with poet

and tolk singer Sydney Carter (r)

Polished screen version of George

Bernard Shaw's 1905 social cornedy

about the daughter (Wendy Hiller) of a munitions manufacturer (Robert

Morley) who joins the Salvation Army

and then resigns when it accepts a constion from her father. Along the way

she picks up an admirer in the shape

of Rex Harrison's Greek professor. Shaw's wit sperkles through the acid

are exuberant. The first in a Rex

social comment and the performances

Hernson sesson. Directed by Gabriel

2.00 Film: Major Barbara (1941, b/w).

Canadian cartoon about cats 12.30 American Footbalt: Red 42 (r)

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6.30 Blind Date. Television romance at its best as Cilla Black is joined by more painful extroverts who display their own particular brand of firstation in an attempt to be matched with a pertect partner and go on a dream date.

(Oracle) 7.30 Beadle's About. The self-proclaimed master of mirth with another selection of

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8.00 Film: The Man With One Red Shoe (1985). Tom Hanks as an innocent musician involved in a bizarre conspiracy. He is bugged, shadowed and very nearly killed by the cloakand dagger antics of government agents and, through the whole process, remains blassfully unaware that something is awny Despite the talented cast, this remake of the French comedy The Tall Blond Man With One Black Shoe is a tepid affair, with Hanks never allowed to display the full range of his comic talents. With Dabney Colemen, Came Fisher and Lori Singer Directed by Stan Dragot 9.45 News with Sue Carpenter Sport and weather 10.00 LWT Weather

10.05 A Night On Mount Edna. CHOICE: The Dame Edna Everage Christmas special comes from Switzerland, or rather a studio mockup of Switzerland, and follows the now iliar format of sending up the traditional chat show instead of being invited to plug their latest books, films and whatever, the guests are there to be insuited and humiliated. Their function is to feed Dame Edna's jokes, mocking their own celebrity status to play foil to a drag queen. Among those prepared to make fools of themselves torright are Mel Gibson, Julio ies and (not for the first time in

Dame Edna's company) Charlton Heston. In moderate doses, and not

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Game for a laugh: Edna meets Gina (10.05pm)

repeated too often, the formula works a treat Barry Humphnes is one of the best dames around and a very funny ad-libber but he can outstay his welcome. Tonight's mixture, which also includes the joke of a guest who fails to appear, is just about right. (Oracle)

11.05 Snooker. The climax of the final of the World Matchplay, introduced by Tony Francis from Brentwood, Essex

12,30am Terrence Higgins Trust Concert - Life Serenaids. A charity recording — Ing Setshatos. A charty recovery from Brixton Academy with artists including Billy Bragg, Everything But The Girl, Jools Holland, Mica Paris and Marc Almond. Followed by News

2.00 The Time Tunnel: The Death Merchant. Tony and Doug land in Gettysburg and discover that they are on different sides during the civil war 3.00 American College Football.

Clemson v South Carolina
4.00 The Hit Man And Her presented by Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan. Another edition of the boo until vous drop late-night/early morning shindig 5.10 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

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9,00 Film: Le Mans (1971). Steve McQueen including his hobby as he battless for the laurals in the battlan for the faunte in the glamorous and dangerous world of motor racing. Directed by Lee H. Katzin. (Ceetax) 10.45 The Sky at Night: ROSAT — a Space Telescope (r). (Ceetax) 11.05 Prifalls of a Sporting Life. How to reduce injuries from sport (r) 17.20 The Balloon. The final flight of the senes looks down on Albuquerque, New Mexico (r)

11.50 The Honeymooners (b/w), Jackle Gleason and Art Carney in some vintage, wise-cracking American

12.15 Film: The Day They Gave Bables Away (1957). Sentimental story of two ss Scottish immigrants who go to America to start a new life and train their six children to carry on effer their deaths. Stars Glynis Johns and Cameron Mitchell. Directed by

Alan Reisner 1.55 Discoveries Underwitter Science, vage of Scrap? Should money be found to preserve the many Underwater discoveries made in recent years or should they be left to rust away? (r) (Ceatax)

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 31 of the 91-part Indian epic. (Hindi with English

3.25 Issac in America. Nobel Prizewinning writer Isaac Bashevis Singer takes a journey through his past (r) 4.20 Animution Now. The Rose and the

Ring animated by Lotte Reinger (r) 4.40 Tennis. The semi-final of the Grand Slam Cup from Munich

5.55 Cricket. Highlights of England's World Senes Cup match against New land in Brisbane.

6.40 NawsView presented by Moira Stuart and Lynette Lithgow Weather 7.25 Assignment Special: What Price Peace? John Tuss hosts a discussion about the possibility of war with iraq.

Among those taking part are Tony Benn, MP, Dr Rasha Al-Sabah, a member of the Kuwarti royal family, General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley and the Rt Des Miller Miller and Control of the Rt Rev William Westwood, Bishop of



On the menu: Meat and Two Veg (8.15pm) 8.15 Arena: Food Night.

 CHOICE. Introduced by a couple of Spitting Image puppers called Meat and Two Veg, this tour-and-e-half-hour meal includes many tasty-looking dishes But to avoid indigestion, it is probably best consumed a little bit at a time. Following Arens rights devoted to the blues, the Caribbean, Marcil Gree and animals, it aims to have something for everyone. The lone is mainly light-hearted, celebrating the Garibakti and the tournados Rossini. introducing the delights of str-fry wondering how long it will be before most food is prepared not in the kitchen but in the factory. A kosher Chinese take-away offers sweet and sour lamb and there are reminders of great great television cooks from Fanny Cradock. On a more sombre note we hear about the last meals ordered by prisoners about to be executed and

the evening ends with a debate on how

NB: the programme times following are 8.20 Modern Food. The ever-widening gap between the original ingredient and what appears in supermarkets

the world should head itself

8,30 Great Moments in Food History. Bernard Bresslaw, David Troughton and Christopher Ryan lend comic relief to four people who have given their names to great gastronomic inventions — Rossmi, the Earl of Sandwich, Dame Vellie Welber and Genibuldi 8.35 The Story of Food in 27 Minutes and 43 Seconds. The part that food has

played in history 9.00 Good Manners. Clips from films with famous eating sequences including Five Easy Pieces, Tampopo (see 12.45am) and Oliver Twist

9.15 Wher's Kosher'l How the encient kosher dietary laws are applied today 9.35 The Last Supper. Food as a last me. 9.55 The Complete History of the Potato. The humble spuid gets the star

10.20 I Just Happen To Have One Here I Made Earlier. Clips of some of television's most famous cooks, including Fanny Cradock, Zena Skinner and Delle Smith

10.30 Movable Feast - The Politics of Disgust. Some people have eaten some funny things and explorer Christina Dodwell, body builder Bernie Price, writer Sophie Grigson and chef Mel Flumbles reflect on the things no one

11.10 Eating for One. The road to being slim is paved with good intentions 11.30 Fasting and Abstinence. As Christmas approaches, the rewards of

ell-done) ore assess 11.40 Debate. Glenys Kinnock, economist Lord Peter Bauer and Third World

campaigner Susen George join a panel of distinguished guests to find the solution to hunger in a greedy world 12.45ern Film: Tempopo (1986). A perfect taliplece to Food Night is this quirky Japanese comedy about a young widow who runs a restaurant but cannot even cook noodles, and two truck drivern who decade to show her how. The film contains several witty vignettes about food, and a spoof on the spechetti western. Directed by Juzo Itami. Ends at 2.40

4.30 Film: The idle Class (1921, b/w). CHANNEL 4 Charlie Chaplin is a tramp in trouble with the police who gatecrashes a society party. It just happens that one of the wealthy revellers is his double, and a confusion of identity follows. 8.00 Comic Book 7.30 News 7.35 International Times 8.00 Transworld Directed by Chaplin, with more 9.00 News 9.05 Channel 4 Racing: The accent on social comment than stapetick 5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) Morning Line
9.25 Sing and Swing. Jazz from
musicians of the Thirties and Fortles (r)

6.30 Right To Reply A bookmaker criticises the Dispatches programme on

horse race betting 7.00 The World This Whelk, includes a report from the Rome summit. Weather



The journey that clocked £31,446 (8.00pm) 8.00 Adventures: A Fare To Remember. CHOICE: Taking a break from attenuous accounts of exploration in forbidding landscapes, Adventures ents a light-hearled account of how two City of London bankers, John Morgan and "Ned" Kelly, travelled from Britain to Australia in a taxt. Their motives were a motiure of long-held ambition, a desire to make the Guinness Book of Records and fundraising for charity. Morgan, a Weishman, and Kelly, an Irlahman, were driven by a London cabble, Guy Smith, and a young Australian woman called Kanelli. The film crew was presumably not far behind. The cab's

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progress through Europe is compressed into a few minutes and most of the footage is reserved for less familiar terrains in Iran, Pakistan and India. Despite the odd breakdown and having to sleep rough, the quartet maintained a steady flow of wisecracks and managed to charm the locals at every turn. For the record, the final total on the clock was £31,446.

9.00 LA Law. American drama series about a slick Los Angeles law firm

10.00 Film: 1900 (1976).

• CHOICE Bernardo Bertolucci's penorama of Italian peasant life between 1900 and 1945 is a film of enormous ambition which thes to set a particular and perochial society against the history of a country through two world wars and the rise of Mussolini. If the attempt ultimately fails, partly because the characters come across as types rather than individuals, there is much to edmire along the way Bertolucci has taken immense care with the look of the film, which often has the qualities of classical painting, and the moved nationality cast coheres more successfuly than might be thought. It includes Burt Lancauter as the patnerch (who disappears all too soon) and Robert De Niro and Gérard Departieu as boyhood friends whose stones sustein the early narrative.
On its first showing here, the film was strociously dubbed and heavily cut. This is the full version, with part two being shown next Seturday, and it is

1.00am The Week with Jonethan Ross. Highlights from this week's Tonight with Jonathan Ross

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Aloys Kontarsky, planou perform Ravel (Rapsodio espagnol for two planos)
4.00 Turing Up. Members of I
Fagolini, a group that
specialises in early music, talk
about their approach to their
work and perform a number of
perses from 18th century

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bartók (Phapsody No 1: Krysia Osostowcz, violin, Susan Tomes, pano): Corrette (Les Saundages et la European Sauvages et La Furstemberg Sauvages et a russeamers Concerto corrigue No 25: Musica Artiqua Köin with Husica Artiqua Köin with (Montrary Music, Funeral Music for Gustav III: Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble under Stefan Parkman), Weber (Concertino in E for horn, Hanover Band

under Roy Goodman with Anthony Halstead, hom) 8.30 Name 8.35 BBC Scottish SO under Maksymiuk performs Stravinsky (Scherzo à la Russe, Variations, in Memoriam Aldous Husley) Memonam Aldous Huxley);
Goossers (Symphony No 1)
Saturday Review, Record
Review — Building a Library:
Bashma't Third Pleano
Concerto, Record Release;
Schoenberg (Five Pieces, Op
16: LSO under Dorait);
Komgold (String Sextet:
Ruphall Ensamble);
Weinberger (Polise and Fugue,
Schwanda the Bagpiper: Pro
Arte Orchestra under
Mackemsst: Tallie Rufele 9.30 Saturday Re ickerras); Talfis (Videte maculum King's College, Cambridge under Cleobury); Rubbra (Symphony No 4; Philharmonia under del Mar); Schubert (Sonata in A minor,

D 784 Jorge Bolet, peano), incl 12-20pm Bryce Mornson talks about the life and work of Jorge Bolet 12.55pm Words Part 3 The composer Hugh Wood reflects on languaga 1.00 News 1.05 Peano Tros Raphael Tro (Daniel Episten, piano, Charles Castleman, violin, Susan Sam, Castleman, violin, Susan Sam, Castleman, violin, Susan Sam,

cello) performs Haydn (Tno in E flat, H XV 22), Ravel (Tno in A minor) (r)
2.05 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra in Berlin under
Tactaski Otaka with Peter Rosel, piano, performs Brahm (Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor, Op 15); Dvořák (Symphony No B at G, Op 88); incl 2.55 Interval Reading 3.45 Spanish Rhapsody. Alfons and

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work and perform a number of peces from 16th century Europe, plus a new work by Adhen Williams.

5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Charles Fox.

5.45 Third Opinion with Christopher Cook, Includes reviews of the National Theatre's The Wind in the Milliams secretarist by the National Theatre's The Wind in the Milliams. the Willows, adapted by Alan Bennett from Kenneth Grahamo's 1908 ongwal: a biography of author Edmund Blunden, and an exhibition of the work of Hungenan photographer André Kertész. Opinions come from

Emmanuel Cooper and Harriel Glibert. Also features on the ari of photography in the thorate and stricts' notablooks — aide-memoire or inspiration' 6.30 Mozari and Brahms Rosan 6.30 Mozari and Srahms Ronan O'Hora parco, performs Mozari (Rondo in A minor, K511), Brahms (Two Rhapsodes, Op 79) (r)
7.00 Pellas and Lifesands. The ENO Chorus and Orchestra under Mark Elder perform ENO's new production of Debussy's lync drams live from the London Colssum, sung in English. With Cathryn Pops, sporting, es Milliande, Thomas Rendle, Isnor, 69 Thomas Rendle, tenor, is Petitos: Willard White, bean bunitone as Golaud; Anne-Mane Owers, mezzo, as Geneviève: John Connel bass, as Arkel; Yvette Bonner soprano. as Yniold; Christopher Ross, bass, as shepherd and physician. Text by Maurice Maeterlanck, sung

in Hugh Mecdonald's translation Acts I, II, and III Pellogg at the Cross-onds. Hugh Macdonald's thoughts on Debussy's opera which is considered to be a prvoral work between the 19th and 20th contures 8.55 Pelices and Mélsande (cont): Acts fV and V 10.15 Issues with Robert Hewison (r)

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10.40 Scottish Chamber Orchestra
under Judg-Perks Saraste
with Olh Mustonen, preno,
Thomas Zehetmeir, violin,
performs Berg (Chamber
Concerto for violan, piano and
13 wind instruments); Webern
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(ii) stereo on FM 5.55am Shapping Forecast (I.00) News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4 9.30 Breekaway:

way: Holiday and travel news 10.00 News; Loose Ends: Ned Sherrin and guests with Emma Fraud, Sandi Toksing and Richard Jobson (s) 11.00 News; The Week in

White 11.30 Europhile Magazine exploring the life in the 36 nations that make up Europe 12.00 Money Box with Louise Borting and Vincent Duggleby 12.25pm I'm Sony I Haven't a Clue chaired by Humphrey Lyttelton With Tim Brooke-Taylor Wille Rushton, Grae

Garden and Barry Cryer
12.55 Weather
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Dimbleby is joined by
Peter Litley MP, Secretary of
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of the Liberal Democratis in
the House of Lords; and John,
Smith, MP, Shadow Chancellor
of the Exchequer; and Serah
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2.00 News; Any Answers? Listeners
can call Jonathan Dimbleby
with their views on the issues
raised in Any Questions? 2.30 Saturday Playhouse: You Only Live Twice by lan Fleming

CHOICE, For James Bond's radio debut, adapter Michael Bakewell (unlike Roald Dan), who laisting the book for the ted the loook for the screen) goes atraight to Fleming, so there is no nonsense about a stolen Bond is packed off to Bioteto's pervented Disneyland and its garden of death that is an Eden for Japanese suicides. None the less, it proves an effective place for Bond to throw off his

Michael Jayston's 007 sounds strangely bloodless, coming after Connery's and Moore's 4.00 News; Grand Tour: What six

Nieksen, Louise Pintoher) 1.56 The His Man and Her 4.00-5.00 Demok

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people Conductor Christopher Hogwood, conductor of the Academy of Ancient Music, went on Prague in 1964. He recalls life, culture and politics in the city al a time when the iron Curtain was a long way from

holes to big bucks, what is the lormula for making a scientific best-seller?
5.00 Staying On: In the Rhodesial.
The second of three interviews
by Lynn Ten Kale with men no chose to stay on after 5.25 Week Ending. Satincal review of the week's news (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55

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novers named by Dirk Bogarde (12 or 23) (s) 8.45 Conversation Press Sun Conversation Prece. Sue MacGregor talks to writer Pat Barker (r) 9.10 Music in Mind Brian Kay with best-loved meiodies (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten led by Rev Keith Clements (s) 9.59 Weather

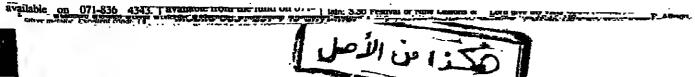
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11.00 Richard Baker Compares
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11.30 Steve Ross in Cabaret
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 CHOICE. A new series llunng an engageng American singer/pia though in London, paradoucally spends his entire half-hour singing about Pars if Floss's tenor voice is too lightweight you might prefer to concentrate on his Diano amangements which, ike Hutch a in a far distant cabarel ara more than compensate for any vocal shortcomings. Ross's version of Cole Porter's Can as a veritable tour de force 12.00-12.30am News incl 12.20 Westner 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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8.45 Through the Garden Gate. Dennis Cornish visits one of Cornwall's champion gardeners, Roy Kavern of Constantine (r). Wales (8.25-9.15) See 9.15 Celtic Quest. Rosemary Hartill visits

Durham, home of St Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede 10.00 Where on Earth Are We Going? Jonathon Porntt, former director of Fnends of the Earth, gives a personal view of industrial initiatives to help clean up the environment (r).

Wales (to 12.30pm) See You Sunday 10.50 YOU Are What You Est. Healthy eating with Liza Goddard (r) 11.00 A Way with Numbers, Practical help with maths for adults 11.25 Help Your Child with Reading, Magge Philbin looks at popular children's books (1) 11.40 See Heart A special tenth

anniversary edition of the programme for the deaf and hard of hearing is television doing enough for deaf people?

12.30 Country File. Rupert Segar reports from the Scottish Hightands on the lamming of lish skins into leather, and John Craven looks at a first-aid scheme for rusers. Water Engineers in Malase. for rivers. Wales. Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather

1.00 Weather
1.00 News with Moira Stuart. Followed by
The 100th Royal Tournament.
Highlights of this year's military
spectacular at Earls Court. Northern reland: 1 50 EastEnders Ceetax) Northern Ireland. 250-5 15 Installation of the Most Rev Dr Cahel

B Daily as Primate of All Ireland 3.00 Film: The Muppets Take Manhattan (1984). The third, last and probably best of the late Jim Henson's Muppet movies. Playing

tecond fiddle to the puppints are Liza Minnetti, Joan Rivers, Art Carney and Brooke Shields, Directed by Frank Oz

4.30 International Show Jumping from the Grand Half, Olympia, featuring the Crosse and Blackwell Criminias Knock-Out in which 16 top inders race egainst each other. There is also the popular Shettang Grand National, a minidog relay, and the traditional finale

with a Peter Pan theme
5.15 Schofield's Europe: Athens. The
ever-smiting Philip Scotleld continues has grand tour with a tino to the Greek capital He meets an archaeologist at the Acropolis, takes a two note around the city and sports in the bisterng heat of the Olympic

stadem (Ceetex)
5.45 The Chronicles of Namia: The Silver Chair. Continuing the delightful dramatisation of C. S. Lewis's Namus stones. Puddleglum, Jill and Eustace are trapped underground and meet an exchanted maked prince. (Ceefax) 6.15 (Metins, Richard Briers with an

appeal on behalf of \$1 Botolon's Rehabilitation Centre in London. 25 News with Michael Buerk. Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise. Favourite cards from St Mary Reddiffe in Bristol.

(Ceatur)
7.15 You Rang M*Lord. Skoom
from David Croft and Jimmy Perry about life above and below stars, with Su Polard, Jeffrey Holland and Paul Shane, James's father, on the run after a bungled burglary, seeks reluge and is given a helping hand by ky the maid (Ceefax) 8.05 Sports Review of the Year. Desmond Lynam and Steve Rider host the five sports gala from the Queen Eleabert II Conference Campa in

London. Since Christopher Chataway won the first SBC Sports Personality of the Year in 1954, the award has been given to such names as Sebastian Coe, Stiring Moss and last year's winner. Nick Fattio. This year's contenders include tootbeller Paul Gascoigne, athlete Lintord Chr encoker's Stephen Hendry and lockey Peter Soudamore: A look back at an eventful sporting year is followed by the announcement of the 1990 pupple 9.45 News with Michael Buerk. (Cectax).

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10,00 in Sickness and in Health, Last year's Christmas speciel revived for the cument lestive season. Warren Mitchell at the ranting Alt Garnett tries (Cedax)

10.30 Everymen: Scenes sittle a Revolution. A follow-up to lest year's ni she in visitor of the budge mili name under the Cesusescu regime The cameras return to Transvive to see how the revolution russ attected the diversity of people and nationalities who live in the ragion. Old conflicts are revived as the rich by to reclaim land previously used by collectives, white others enjoy the freedom of harvesting a hey crop they

can keep 11.20 Clean State. Education regazine 11.20 Casan State. Education inegazine
with Jacke Spreckley Includes an item
on language schools in Britain — are
foreign students getting a fen deaf? (r)
11.50 International Show Jumping. David
Vine introduces the evening's action
from the Grand Hall, Olympia,
including the Everest Christmas Cake
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m Mahabharat Episode 31 of the 91-part epic. (Hindi with English IS) (r) 1,30 Wante

Hoports: presented by Martin Frizial and List Aziz. The newspapers are reviewed by Carol Thatcher and Professor Herry Wort!

6,00 TV-am includes, at 6.00, TV-am

9.25 The Disney Club with Andrea Boardmen, John Eccleston and Gordon

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10.45 Link. Independent Living part two. Plousee Winurs aucovers how two descript people have games greater independence 11.00 Advers Meditation. A series of

Advent meditations 12.00 The Human Factor An Angel on a Postmen & BAA. Ted Harrson follows the rehearsals and first performance of Graham Clarke's nativity play, Joe Gurpentel and Son, which starts members of the Soughton Manch Kent local community 12.30 LWT News Weekend 1.00 News with Sue Carpenier Weether

1.10 Disney's The Reluctant Oragon. Animated story of a young boy who betnends a dragon 1.35 Film. The Life and Times of Grizzly

Adems - Once upon a Sterry Night (1976) Dan Haggerty plays the fur trapper who has embraced life in the mountains and lives in a log cabin with a beat to this best friend in this feeture-longth story Christmas is drawing near and Grizzly meets a lost family of settlers for whom the conditions are anything but comforting. Directed by Richard Friederiberg



Award-Winner, Rowan Attinson (7.45pm)

2.55 The Match Leads United v Everton Elton Welsby introduces live coverage of this first division game at Eltand Road. The commentator is Bran Moore

5,05 Sunday Sunday Glorie Hunniford meets positiveeper Peter Shitton, chats to chat show host Jonathan Ross and listens to Ctilt Richard as he sings his Christmas number "Seviour's Day". The cuest critics are Paul Deniels and

6.00 Builseye 6.30 News with Sue Carpenter Weather 6.35 LWT News and washer 6.40 Highway Sir Harry Secombe visits the Scottish east coast town of Arbroath, famous by its 12th-century

of independence was signed by Robert the Bruce in 1320 7.15 You've Been Framed. A compilation of home videos that so far has produced some genumely hilanous clips (r)

abbey in which the Scottish Declaration

7.45 The British Cornedy Awards 1990. From the London Paladium Michael Parkinson presents the first awards ceremony recognising cornedy and its stars for their contribution to British television, theatre and criema

9.45 News with Sue Carpenter Weather 10 00 LWT Weather 10.05 Spitting Image More familiar bendy

faces from puppeteers Fluck and Law 10.35 The LWT London Lecture Does London Need To Be Governed? Sir Rati Danrendorf the sociologist and warden of \$1 Anthony's College Oxford, discusses whether London is being properly run and whether it will be able to retain its importance when Europe is unified in 1992

11.20 Film The File of the Golden Goose (1969) An overacting Yul Brynner as an Amencan secret agent who is sent to Britain to crack a counterfeiting ring Routine spy thriller which also stars Edward Woodward and Charles Gray Directed by Sam Wanamaker 1.15am Film, The Rideout Case (1983).

High octane drama based on the true story of Greta Pioeout, the first American to charge her husband with rape Linda Hamilton plays Greta, with Mickey Rourke as the brutish spouse Directed by Peter Levin. Followed by News headlines 3.00 Pick of the Week. The best from the

3.30 Indy Carl World

4.00 Adventure Man against nature and 5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

7.30 Children's BBC Two begins with King Rollo (r) 7.35 Playdays from Yattendon, Berkshire (r) 7.55 Is That a Fact? The legend of Northern reland's Lost Leatony (r) 8.10 Pinocchio. Cartoon tale of the boy

8.30 Movable Feasts. Multi-faith dramadocumentary for children. Robert and Michael both pay a visit to a Buddhist and learn something new

8.45 Litt'l Bits. Animated hin about poies in an enchanted forest 9.10 Corners. The questions of young viewers are answered by Sophie Aldred and Stephen Johnson (r) 9.30 Dungeons and Dragons. Cartoon based on the fantasy game 9.55 Blue Peter Omnibus (r)

10.40 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men. Robin does his scared best to make it to the top of the hero charts. With Tony Robinson, Kate Lonnergan and Wayne Morns (r) 11.10 Boxpops. Pop music, television clips and voxpops 11.50 The O-Zone, Music, news and competitions

12.00 Regional Reviews of the Parliamentary Week
12.30 Scrutny, Iam MacWhirter takes a look at the work of parliamentary committees and talks to politicians about their work. (Ceefax) 1.00 Choket, Riche Senaud introduces highlights from England's second game

against Australia in the World Series 1.50 Tennis: The Grand Siem Cup. Live coverage of the final of the world's nchest tournement, with \$2 million for the winner. The commentators at the Olympiahelle, Munich, are Den Masket and Wark Cox

5.00 Rugby Special, Highlights of London v South West at Gloucester and North v Midlands at Headingley 6.00 Ski Sunday. The men's downhall championship from Val Gardena in Italy introduced by David Vine

6.35 The Money Programms. The most recent trends in the business, economic and financial worlds are assumed.

7.15 The Trials of Life, David. Attenborough's compelling examinal of the absorbing world of enimal bithewour continues with a look es with a look at



The downfall of the Coursecus (\$.05pm)

8.05 Screenplay: Shoot the Revolution.
© CHOICE: Peter Flannery's drams
about the half of Nicolea Casumescu in Ronwins uses a motive of fiction and news film and is carried by four gentral characters, with Freddie iones as a Brechtan nemator detaching himself (and us) from the story. The discourse which conveys the complexity of the events of December 1989 while emphasising that much of what happened is still in the realm of conjecture. The weekness of the

project is that the central quartet is made up of types rather than individuals, too obviously conceived to give commutant decorption perspectives. There are two brothers, one (Bernard Hill) an ineffectual liberal, the other (Bob Peck) a captain is the secret police Dido Miles plays a Hungarian pessant gri who is one of Hill's pupils, while Sorche Cusack's desident actives represents the soon to-be-disflusioned intelligentsia. 9.35 Christmes on Two. A look forward

to the pick of the time air and entertainment to be shown on BSC2 over the Christmas period

9.46 Film: Frances (1982). © DHOICE Frances Farmer was a mence film star of the Theress whom career dismtegrated in drink, drugs and committed to a mental hospital Film makens, if poems, love a testure and Frances is only one of three versions of her lite, which has been given far more attention in retrospect then it had et the time. The film was a directing diabut by Graeme Clifford a former natur who worked with the star, Jessics Lange, on The Postman Always Rings Twice Frances is a long, einstaking and downbeat study which trins to bearings its subject is lendency to self-destruction with the brutahsing effect of the mental institutions. Lange's commanding performance exceeds anything that some hersuit out on the ecreen, while Kim Stanley shines as her unstable mother Sem Shapard is unnecessarily

added as a fictional lover (Ceatax) 12.00 Dence Energy, Normela with news and the latest sounds from the world of cience music (r) 12.40em Rapido. Antoine de Caunes ents the fast-moving pop show (r).

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6 00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Per World. An exploration of the relationships between people and their ets 7 30 Once upon a

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portrayed involugil the influential work of Ltu Sola the Beiging songwriter 10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading Includes MP Frank Field's opinion of the role of Militant in

10.45 Dennis Animated antics of the mischievous Dennis 11.00 The Story of the Dancing Frog Amanda Plummer namates an extravagent adaptetion of Quentin Blake a story, which brillently perocles Hollywood municitie 11:30 Gren Takes Fish Mayall tells the tate of Sweet Porticipe (f) 11:46 The Astrology Show Laura Boomer presents the star-struck series which

looks at the relevance of astrology in the Nineties 12.00 The Waltons 1 00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w) Cult underwater so-li drama 2.00 The Thatcher Factor.

@ O-OCE. The first substantial tulevision assessment of Mrs Thetchur comes in this revised and updated erson of a sense liver broadcast in 1989 to mark her 10 years in power. At that time she looked like going on for nother 10 years and the com recorded then, whether approving or Otherwise, land to accept her invincibility. The new material comprises an update of events, he well as additional interviews. Produced by Philip Whitehead, a former Labour MP, and presented by Hugo Young, author of a critical biography. The Thetcher Factor is rardly a party political brosocard Bull contributions from

the likes of Norman Tebbri and Cecil Parkinson ensure that it not a hatcher job. The list of inti the original senes also includes the names of Whitelaw Lawson, Hurd, Baker and Heseltine There is one striking omission. John Major. Was he not thought important enough? Answering Back, in the test of the present senes Mary Goldning puts tough

questions to the governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pembarton 5.25 News summary and weather 5.30 Road to Avonies. An adaptation of L. M. Montgomery's novel about the adventures of a ten-year-old out Sare, who is sent to stay with her deed mother's lamily in registed Average 6.30 The Cosby Show. Twend winning



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Peace package plan could save Gatt talks

From Peter Guilford in Brussels

THE EC and the United States are between the two blocs. "I am more close to resolving a series of damaging agriculture disputes in a "peace package" that they believe could eventually create the right climate for agreement in world trade talks. It is perhaps the most positive move since the transatlantic dispute over farm subsidies brought the Gatt talks to a standstill last week.

Emerging from their first encounter since leaving the Gatt negotiations bitter and emptyhanded last Friday, Ray Mac-Sharry, the European farm commissioner, and his American counterpart, Clayton Yeutter, spoke of a new wind of optimism

Major aims to end EC isolation

Continued from page 1 confidence on the domestic political factor, is talking the language that European politicians

Behind the scenes, British negotiators sought to have some of the Italian presidency's proposals eliminated from the document to be presented to the conference on political union. They argued that more should be done to ensure that existing agreements were implemented before political aspects were widened to include common security or health policies.

Britain wants the conference to write into the EC treaty the notion that nation states should do everything possible for themselves unless there is a compelling reason for a matter to become a European Commission responsibility, It also wants greater concern with value for money - with the European parliament given authority to monitor Community expenditure - and for the European Court of Justice to have power to fine countries that do not implement existing Community laws.

Mr Major appeared yesterday to have achieved one of his main objectives in Rome. British sources said that the meeting with Chancellor Kohl had been very friendly, with the two of them rapidly on first name terms.

optimistic than last week," Mr Yeutter said in Brussels yesterday while Mr MacSharry spoke of a new joint determination to bring the Gatt talks to a successful outcome. The European Commission is eager to emphasise the resolution of smaller trade disputes could have a "knock-on effect" on the wider Gatt dispute.

Both agreed to keep in contact until January, when the Gatt round is due to resume in Geneva. Despite their opposed views on farm subsidies, both men believe they can do business. The Commission will discuss the the talks on Monday.

The Commission reported "useful discussions" over maize imports, hygiene standards for abattoirs and an American ban on fungus-infected wines from France and Italy. While secondary disputes in themselves, Washington recently threatened to use them to demonstrate its muscle in order to force the Community into greater concessions over farm export subsidies.

As a result of yesterday's talks, the US could now drop the 200 per cent tariffs which it threatened to slap on European food exports unless it received long-term conpensation for the sales of animal feed it lost when Spain joined the Community. These tariffs would be severely damaging for Europe's food exporters. But coming so soon after the failure of the Uruguay round, they were also widely interpreted as a foretaste of what could follow unless Brussels offered greater concessions over farm export subsidies.

Mr MacSharry said his talks with Mr Yeutter had helped to "defuse the danger of an outbreak of trade wars". But he still blames the suspension of the Gatt negotiations on America's excessively high expections, and is deeply sceptical that Washington will even turn up when talks resume in Geneva next month. He told Euro-MPs during a debate on the Gatt on Thursday that agreement was "within our grasp", but he attacked American intransigence over agriculture, services and several other trade sectors.

Brussels also accepts given the growing impatience of Congress. the US administration could find a climb-down on subsidies as politically unpalatable as the Europeans.

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,477



End of an ordeal: four members of the British military liaison team who recently arrived back home from the Gulf. From the left, outside the ministry of defence yesterday, were Chief Technician Martin Smith, Warrant Officer Peter Hurt, Warrant Officer 1 Michael Haynes, and Colonel Brace Duncan, the team's commander

British military men relive invasion nightmare

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SEVERAL reasons why Iraq "should be punished" for its plundering of Kuwait were given yesterday by a small group of British military personnel who suffered personal nightmares as marauding Iraqi troops rampaged around the capital city after the August 2 invasion.

While none of the British liaison team in Kuwait, now safely returned to Britain, wanted war, it was difficult for them to hide their innermost thoughts of revenge for what the Iraqis did to their families.

The team's commander, Colonel Bruce Duncan, lost his son, Alex, aged 19, who was killed in a car accident as he was being driven at speed to Baghdad airport with his brother, Rorie. "They didn't deliberately kill him," Colonel Duncan said yesterday, "but he wouldn't have died if it wasn't for the Iraqis."

A member of his team, Warrant Officer I Michael Haynes, aged 37, from Beverley, Humberside, could hardly get the words out as he described how his wife, Elaine, holding their two young sons, one under each arm, was sexually assaulted by an Iraqi soldier. "He held a knife to my five-year-old son's throat and put his hands under my wife's frock," he said. Warrant Officer Haynes was not there to witness the assault. He had been taken to Baghdad. Later he was reunited with his wife who told him of her experience. Yesterday, speaking at a defence

ministry press conference, the senior NCO was asked whether he would want Iraq to pay repara-tions for what they had done in Kuwait, in particular to his wife and sons. He replied: "Yes."

The fate of the British military liaison team in Kuwait was one of the most delicate issues for the government during the Iraqi hostage-taking policy. There was a

nei Duncan, aged 50, of the Royal general agreement with the media Tank Regiment, was in Kuwait with his wife, two sons, two daughters, and a friend of the not to mention the fact that several servicemen were hiding in Kuwait If the Iragis discovered there were still military personnel He spent the first six days in the in Kuwait, there was a danger they

British embassy, then joined the rest of his family in a large house for Iraqi soldiers and secret police. Although the team consisted of in the city. He said the Iraqis never 77 personnel, all connected with realised who he was, even when he the maintenance of British Chiefgave himself up after his son died. tain tanks and Hawk fighters sold Another member of the military to Kuwait, there were only 66 in team, Chief Technician Martin Smith, from the RAF, spent the country at the time of the months hiding in a basement invasion - 46 army and 20 RAF. The Iraqis seized more than 30 and sent them to Baghdad. The

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Killer disease stalks the orange groves of Asia

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE future of the orange could be threatened by a disease which is spreading from the fruit's ancestral home in China. "Greening disease", which leaves the fruit mottled with green patches and ultimately kills the trees, is already endemic in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Strenuous but only partially successful efforts have been made to control it in South Africa and some experts believe it could now be established in America.

Greening disease is carried from tree to tree by insects, rather like Dutch Elm disease. Once acquired it infects virtually all parts of the tree. The fruit, instead of being full of juice, becomes dry and pulpy. Large areas of orange groves in China, Indonesia and the Philippines have already been destroyed by the disease, and specialists at the UN Food and work. The cause was identified as Agriculture Organisation in Rome believe that only luck has saved Europe and America. However South-East Asia is not now the main producer and supplies in Britain should not be affected unless the disease spreads further. It was first observed in China in

1931. Between 1976 and 1978 there was a severe outbreak. inspiring the first serious scientific

AROUND BRITAIN

a mycoplasma, like a bacterium. Killing the mycoplasma is difficuit, though some success has been claimed in South Africa for the use of the antibiotic, tetracycline. Modern culture techniques have been used at Hong Kong university to extract menistem cells and grow them in the laboratory in a bid to create

disease-free plants.

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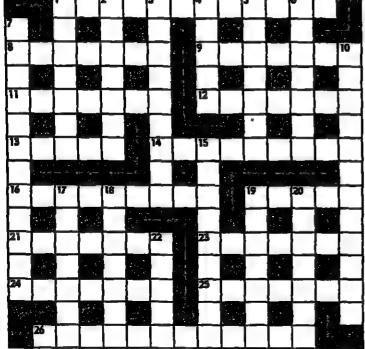
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TWELVE people were found in a macabre circle of death in the northwest Mexican city of Tijuana at a house where they had apparently been celebrating strange religious rites, police said.

The dead, including a girl, aged six, and a 12-year-old boy, were found in the house, lying in a circle. marked out by a rope.

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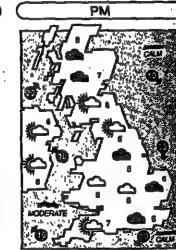
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PETE Sampras (above), the US Open champion, beat Goran Ivanisevic in a quarterfinal which brought the controversial Grand Slam Cup to life. The tournament, which is being played in Munich this week, has been criticised by the Association of Tennis Professionals as being no more than a "glorified exhibition".

Sampras and Ivanisevic. however, swept all the politics aside with a match of highly charged serve-and-volley tennis which thrilled the audi-

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THE Swiss, Franz Heinzer, won the second downhill of the World Cup season, held in Val Gardena, Italy yesterday. Second was Berni Huber, of Germany, whose performance belied a recent knee injury.

SPORT ON TV

Viewing figure



in to BBC1 tomorrow night to discover who is the BBC Sports Personality of the Year. Such illustrious figures as Mary Peters (above), Bobby Moore, and Sebastian Coe, have won in the past but tomorrow, the BBC reveals a

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NEEDING to win of their four remaining World Series Cup matches to qualify to meet Australia in the finals next month, England play New Zealand today. But most thoughts are already on the second Test match which starts on Boxing Day at

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WHAT are the best sports books of 1990? Today The Times's specialists on golf, tennis, rugby union, and motor sport, offer their

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Faldo's best



NICK Faido (above) equalled his own best score and the course record when he shot a 62, nine under par, in the Asian Classic in Hong Kong yesterday. The record round gave him a three-stroke lead over the rest of the field. Report Page 31

RACING

Foreign field

LANDYAP and Pelorus will be the first English-trained runners to contest the £100,000 Invitation Cup over nine furlongs at Sha Tin, Hong Kong, tomorrow. Tony Ives, now based in the colony, rides Landyap for David Elsworth with Brian Rouse on Willie Jarvis's Pelorus in the 14-

True Blue pilots who rode out the storms of discord

DONALD Macdonald stood outside a television shop in the City of London on Tuesday afternoon and watched through the window as Oxford beat Cambridge in the University rugby match at Twickcuham. As the referee blew the final whistle, the camera turned to the face of the Oxford captain, Mark Egan, for whom the match had been a personal triumph. His eyes were closed in elation and relief. It was an expression that Macdonald was uniquely placed to understand.

Nearly three years before, Macdonald had stood in the Oxford boat with a similar look on his face, having led his crew to success in the Boat Race. His triumph, like Egan's, was unexpected and came against a background of mutiny and strife.

On Thursday, Macdonald met Egan for the first time. Over dinner in Oxford, the two talked long into the night. Their conversation ranged back to the winter of 1986, when Macdonald, the president of the rowing club, had found himself at odds with the men who were expected to be the basis of his Boat Race crew. After prolonged arguments, some about whether Macdonald deserved his place in the boat, five Americans, Chris Clark, Dan Lyons, Chris Huntingdon, Chris Penny and Jon Fish, were dropped. Macdonald took a weakened crew into the Boat Race, and against all expectations, won in style.

Egan's story began in January 1990, when he beat Troy Coker by a single vote for the rugby captaincy after two rival camps had been established within the club. Subsequently, after Brian Smith, an Irish and Australian international, had arrived late back for a match, Egan had dropped him. Two Australians, Coker and Morgan Jones, the American international, Don James, and another American, Gary Hein became involved. All were dropped from the Oxford squad by Egan for a tour of the Far East in September and only Hein regained his place. Once again Oxford were given little chance in the university encounter. Once

again, they won.

Egan himself was not surprised. The sight of five of our strongest forwards crying their eyes out in the dressing room before Tuesday's match confirmed my belief right one. When I saw that I knew we would win. The spirit and togetherness were extraordinary."

Drawing inspiration from the story of Macdonald's lonely fight for the Dark Blue rowing club in 1987, chronicled in the book, True Blue, by Daniel Topolski, Oxford's coach that year, Egan steeled himself to pursue a similar

His was a somewhat different challenge. "Our conflict was about my desire to have only those who would show total commitment to the club in my team," Egan said.
"Brian Smith had said he wanted to play for Leicester as well as Oxford. My answer was it was all for us or not at all. Overseas students who come to Oxford must devote themselves to the rugby club. Like Donald, enforcOxford's surprise victory in the University rugby match this week came,

like the Boat Race

triumph in 1987, after a mutiny. The men who steered their teams

through troubled waters to ultimate success met

for the first time on Thursday. Peter Bills joined them

ing that belief involved much pain. Facing the overseas players and telling them what I felt was a horrible experience, the worst thing I have ever had to do."

Macdonald recognised the pos-ition. He said: "Above all, I suppose I had sought the values hich Mark now wished to emulate. Throughout our difficult year there was this feeling of 'don't upset the Americans'. But with them in the boat we had eight individuals rather than a team with camaraderie. When we left them out, the side we picked focused on the same objective, a deep conviction that we would win. It was for the bonour of our university, the glory of the club. And once the decision had been taken at that point it became sublime. You cannot explain it really; I just woke up one day and

thought we are going to do it."

Egan does not think he suffered
the personal hurt inflicted upon Macdonald. No one told Egan, as they told Macdonald, that he was not good enough for the side, "Even in the worst times I always felt a warmth from those close to me: the coach, the secretary and fellow players," Egan said. "The worst moment came when we were losing one of those six matches [out of seven] in the Hilary term from January to March. I felt so lonely, so distraught, it would have been easy to call up the overseas internationals and we would have ended the torment by winning a couple of matches. But then I would have been fighting my conscience."

were slightly different. "We had to trust our judgment. It became, for three weeks, a matter of pure survival. Other people were trying to take control of the club and I had to respond to it. In those circumstances, as with Mark, you must have a clear conviction because there are constant doubts.

Egan's felt his first and greatest reponsibility was to the rugby undergraduate burning with ambition to win a Blue. "After reading the book on the 1987 Boat Race mutiny it was always my belief that I needed 15 totally committed people rather than a side containing superstars, whose devotion I could not guarantee. I felt we had lost in 1989 because we had the stars but not the team spirit. Certainly, overseas players had helped Oxford to victories in



Masters of intrigue: Egan (left) and Macdonald toast their successes under a portrait of the second Duke of Buckingham, George Villiers, at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford on Thursday

1986 and 1988 but while the wins were great for a year or two people increasingly asked what had hanpened to the club.

When I became captain I insisted on total participation. I would have gone into the university match with 14 unknown undergraduates because I felt the principle was worth sticking by.

Macdonald took a similar view. "The overseas guys at Oxford have a real responsibility. They cannot just come here and take without giving. This is where the problems arise. Our problem was much more political and it became very ugly. Suddenly these guys saw mutiny as the best possible solution. But there are parallels here: it was like Mutiny on the Bounty."

The lowest point for Macdonald

was not the arguments or the fights. It was the realisation that supposedly strong men were reneging on promises of support.
"I realised at that point I was pretty much alone with no one to turn to. But people all over the world were writing to me saying don't cave in."

Egan said: "To have won at the end of it all and now to have had the chance to talk it through with Donald is something of a fairytale for me. We both stood for certain values and won against the odds. The details were different but the principles were similar. Perhaps we have blown away this myth that the Varsity match or Boat Race is down to individuals. I have nothing against Australians or Americans but I do feel they need to understand the value of

commitment to the general

And the final, triumphant moments made the sacrifices seem worthwhile. "The sense of elation and joy was one i expect to experience again only in the afterlife," Egan said.

"His story is the same as mine, one of triumph of conviction," Macdonald added. But you can only truly understand this passion if you have been through it. We are talking about intangible things like desire, team spirit and will to win. Money or reputation can never achieve those things."

Rowing trials, page 30

Barnes may be staying

JOHN Barnes could yet remain a Liverpool player beyond the end of this season when his contract expires. Barnes, who has repeatedly expressed a wish to play abroad, confirmed yesterday that he has reopened negotiations with the club.

Barnes had hitherto declined to make any decision about his longterm future despite being offered one of the most lucrative contracts in the club's history, But dis-cussions have finally got under-way this week with Kenny Dalglish, the manager, and Noel White, the chairman.

Liverpool, who could receive in excess of £5 million for Barnes if he was sold while under contract. would get no more than £1.5m the Uefa maximum - if he was transferred while out of contract.

It is just as well, from Liverpool's point of view, that they have discovered an exciting new forward talent in Steve Mo-Manaman, who made an impressive appearance recently for the England under-21 McManaman has been included in their squad to play Sheffield United, the bottom club, at Anfield today.

Dave Bassett, the United man-

ager, must be cursing his luck. Just when he fancied his side's chances of avoiding an unwelcome inclusion in the record books - that of equalling Hull City's wretched start to last season of 16 League matches without a win — last week's game at home to Derby County was postponed. Now even United would have to admit that they are odds-on to keep Hull

Conversely, the postponement of Liverpool's game away to Nottingham Forest meant that they could begin their rehabilita-tion after the Highbury setback at home, which even Dalglish had to concede was a blessing. "You couldn't ask for a better place to get belp than here," he said.

Howard Kendall, having se cured his first win last week since picking up the reins again over at Goodson Park, will be seeking his first away win against Leeds United at Elland Road in tomorrow's televised game. Without Milligan and Hinchcliffe, that could be almost as tall an order for Everton as for Sheffield United.

Kendall watched Leeds, unbeaten in nine games, humiliate Queen's Park Rangers recently which could not have been much good for his confidence. "They are well organised and very lively. Gordon Strachan is a marvellous player. He must be in contention for the player of the year award," he said.

Given the style with which Leeds are playing this season and Kendall's progressive outlook, it should make for enjoyable viewing in spite of the remarks this week of Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, that the public should not expect sportsmen to be entertainers, too.

Bonds mission, page 29

The referee who saw red 12 times

he referee is always right, or at least, he is when he penalises the other team. Refs have been having a good run of it lately, and Neil Webb's sending-off for his jocular attempted strangulation in Algeria on Tuesday was not the half of it. This column sends special congratulations to Giusseppe Lorenzo of Bologna, who was sent off after 10 seconds in an Italian league match last Sunday. The cry goes round: is this a

Lorenzo came on as a sub in the 72nd minute against Parma, as Bologoa were about to take a corner. Before the kick was taken, the linesman told the ref that Lorenzo has clobbered someone while making his way onto the field. Off! (The English record is 20 seconds. It was set at a third division match between Wrexham and Hull on Chrstmas Day 1936).

However, the ref of the recent match between Toledo Imperial and Gamonal did much better. He sent off the entire Gamonal team. The ref, Pedro Castaneda (a name that lapsed hippies will forever associate with the Yaqui Way of Knowledge), began by sending off one Toledo player and two from Gamonal for chucking mud at each other. It all hotted up when, after spectacular fouls on a defender and the goalie, Toledo scored their third goal.

Castaneda was surrounded by protesting players. Even Toledo said their goal was illegal. But the ref got out his red card and showed it to every one of the nine Gamonal players still on the pitch. Castaneda agreed afterwards that his action was "unusual", but added that he

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY had no choice "after I was

Umpire stumped

nd on to cricket umpires. A it is a tough job, standing in the Al Fatch tournament in Dubai. In a recent match, the umpire turned down an appeal, and was surrounded by protesting players. The match was being watched by a member of the cricket council who, by one of those Nostradaman coincidences, worked for the same company as the members of the protesting team. He walked on to the field, and raised his finger decisively. The umpire's decision was reversed, and the britman was out.

San Siro sod's law an Siro stadium in Milan is probably the most dramatic n the world. A shame that the pitch is virtually unplayable. as Aston Villa found out when they paid a losing visit there in the Uefa Cup. The blame has been placed on the construction of a third tier of precipitous scating, which turns the stadium into a kind of quadruple diff face. But people were forced to look eisewhere when the same problems affected the pitch at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome. The problem is not - or not just - the high stands blocking off the sun and preventing the sun

from reaching the pitch. The real problem is sand. The turf is laid

on sand from the River Po, sand

which is furiously acidic, and

prevents the grass from growing.

Meanwhile, horrors have

Rome who planned to flog off the pitch on which the World Cup final was played. They had the quaint notion of making a fat profit and then re-laying the pitch in a single month. They offered 301,000 turfs for sale, sold 1,000, the re-laying of of the pitch has been a disaster and most of the people who paid for their chunks of sacred turf have not received them.

■ Bob Willis — surely everyone's idea of the Oscar Wilde de nos jours - has, like Oscar, long been associated with Cafe Royal, from which he runs his International Luncheon Club. He is now involved in re-forming the Nat-ional Sporting Club from that verue. The club it was that formulated the Queensbury Rules, another Wildean connection. Willis's plans include a Hall of Fame dinner at some future date, that will include the six greatest living sports people. Women will be allowed to become members for the first time. And he plans to reintroduce such delights of yore as fencing and boxing evenings.

A team of toffs

on, and this week I present my third winner and my third bottle of ambrosial tawny port, Calem Colhertas 1957. I begin with a fine effort from Simon Rice, for which he receives the consolation prize described to me beguilingly, as "a carousel" of port. He writes, striking his typewriter keys with considerable force as he does so: "Here is my nightmare team: Atherton, Larkins, Gower, Smith, Lamb, Stewart, Russell, Lewis, Small, Malcolm, Hemmings." However, this week's nectar goes to Chris Freddi, who sends us an all-England posh eleven, every one of which won a full England cap. We start with a goalie and end with the forwards: Ernald Oak Scattergood, Thel-

well Mather Pike, Beaumont Guffith Jarrett, Brigadier Cecil Vernon Wingfield Stratford, General Sir William Bromley Davenport, Reginald de Courtenay-Welch, Errangton Ridley Liddell Keen, Elphinstone Jackson, David Bone Nightingale Jack (captain), Horatio Stratton Carter, Robert Walpole Sealy Vidal. Subs. Claude Thesiger Ashton, Cuthbert James Buruup, Rupert Renorden Sandilands, Captain William Stanley Kenyon-Slaney, Morton Peto

Referee: Segal Richard Bas-tard, Mr Freddi assures me that this is the genuine name of a genuine referee, and who am I to argue with scholarship?

Student kicks ix months ago, Arne Riepe

saw the game of American football for the first time. Now he has set a record for the game. He has kicked 85 extra points this season for his high school, beating the previous record by four. Riepe is an exchange student from Germany at Haynesville High School in New Orleans. He has missed only three extra points all season. "I didn't really know what they were asking when they asked me to come out for football, but I said, OK, Why not?" The highest paid kicker in the National Football League is Morten Anderson, a Dane with New Orleans Saints, who gets half a million bucks a year. He too was an exchange student.



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Why Britain must persist with an Olympic bid

he British Olympic Association (BOA) will decide next Wednesday whether there is to be a city to represent Britain for the prize of hosting the 2000 Olympic Games. Manchester, the city in possession, as it were, is being challenged by London, with the possibility of others joining in.

Manchester's experience over the past two-and-a-half years leads me to the firm conclusion that there most certainly should be a British bid for 2000, irrespective of which city is finally given the honour. The charter of the Inter-

national Olympic Committee (IOC) states that any city wishing to bid to host the Olympic Games must have the approval of its national Olympic committee (NOC) and that, should there be several candidate cities in one country wanting to make a bid, then it is the responsibility of the NOC to recommend just one of them for selection by the

There seems to me to be three major reasons why Britain must keep its hat in the ring. Firstly, it is only by bidding and ultimately

being awarded the Games again that British sport will get the new facilities it desperately needs. Secondly, the bidding process has been good for British sport generally. Thirdly, the Olympic world rewards persistence.

Everyone knows that Britain has fallen dreadfully behind in its stock of world-class stadiums and arenas and our make-doand-mend philosophy of the past few years has simply become unacceptable. If anyone seriously believes that the Albert Hall will be OK for the Olympic boxing competition, he had better consult Anwar Chowdry, the president of the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA), smartish, Similarly, someone might just notice that Wimbledon has the wrong sur-

face for Olympic tennis. For any British city, the funding of the new required facilities will be the great hurdle to overcome. It is clear that this will be achieved only by partnerships being forged between the private and public sectors.

The huge benefit of the bid-

ding process is that it stimulates these partnerships into exis-



COMMENT

ROBERT SCOTT

tence. In themselves, sports facilities are not commercially attractive but the increased profile of sport generally during the bidding process provides the catalyst and allows the engine to toar into life.

appily, we already have evidence of this. The national indoor arena which opens next year in Birmingham owes much to the stimulus provided by that city's bid for the 1992 Olympic Games. Manchester's bid for 1996 can point to three new initiatives: the new yachting centre in Pwllheli, the proposed 10,000 seat arena on the King's Dock in Liverpool, and the development of the new arena in Bolton. And in the past few days, Manchester itself has commissioned a major study into the realisation of three facilities: 2 main stadium, an indoor arena and a velodrome that would be the headquarters for the British Cycling Federation.

Of course, the most extravagant dreaming is reserved for a new national stadium built in the north of England, not to replace Wembley, but to complement it. Since the Manchester bid was first conceived in 1985, talk of a new stadium has become fiercer but also more

It will almost certainly have to be a home for a major football club; the notion of a retractable roof, which is open for football but closed for concerts and exhibitions, is no longer completely out of the question; and international rugby league matches, attracting crowds in excess of 60,000, are now a Ironically, although the Manchester bid provided a focus for the debate, it is common ground now that the stadium must make sense whether the Games come to the north-west or not. We must advance the possibility of a millennium stadium, seating 70,000 to 80,000, alongside our Olympic bid, not as part of it. Birmingham is doing exactly the same thing with the Football Association.

There is a good deal of talk world-wide about the economic spin-off or "ripple effect" arising from certain grand capital investments. Concert halls, waterside developments and sports arenas fall into this category. The Skydome in Toronto is perhaps the most vivid recent example.

Persuading the public and private sectors of these indirect benefits is subtle and difficult. It is amazing how the mere possibility of bringing the Olympic Games to your community assists your argument. Certainly, in this part of the world, not just in Manchester but in Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside, the profile of sport has been consid-

and the media have all joined local councillors in banging the drum for sport and sports

An anyone doubt, therefore, that bidding is good I for British sport, particularly the smaller, less fashionable, sports? in the last two years, as a direct result of the bid, 18 international sports events have been held in Manchester, including fencing, table tennis, volleyball, archery, shooting, baseball, weighthfting, wrestling, badminton and cycling – all Olympic sports. Again, the same benefits were felt in Birmingham during their bid.

The argument in favour of persistence and continuity is powerful Both Barceiona and Lillehammer were awarded their respective Games after years of trying. The idea that it will soon be Britain's turn again was something we heard many times on the bidding trail in many

If Britain were to stand back now, the Olympic family would be surprised, and take it as

day have a much better idea of Britain's sporting and Olympic aspirations than they had a few years ago and we should build on

Hopefully, the BOA next Wednesday will vote to keep up the momentum to bring the Games back to Britain after a gap of 52 years. I hope it will also consider one other important aspect: if a city is to be asked to invest in major new facilities, the BOA should be prepared to support that city as Britain's Olympic candidate city for at

their country, but the prize is expensive and the responsibilities operous. Whoever is chosen for 2000 should be told, so long as it fulfils its side of the bargain, that it will retain the nomination for 2004 with even the possibil-

 Robert Scott is the chairman of the Manchester Olympic bid committee.

'In a few years' time we will be the two best players in the world,' says Ivanisevic after struggle with Sampras

Preview of Nineties rivalry boosts Grand Slam Cup

IN two hours and 24 minutes of thumping whole-hearted tennis, Pete Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic did more to raise the credibility of the Grand Slam Cup than a year's worth of jaw-jaw from the International Tennis Federation. The result of their quarter-final, a narrow but changed to straight knockout deserved 7-6, 6-7, 8-6 win for and the numbers of qualifiers the American, will not, however, be recognised in the statistics of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP). who have condemned the Grand Slam Cup as a "glorified exhibition" and therefore not worthy of record.

So, in their history of headto-heads, which could prove to be the enduring rivalry of the Nineties, the tall Yugoslav still leads the US Open champion 1-0. If some members of the ATP had watched the match or listened to the playing in. Was it a "glorified players, they might have exhibition" as the ATP would thought again about its validbe counted. In my eyes I am now 1-1 with Goran and I think in his eyes, too. We both tried our hardest out there tonight," Sampras said. "In a few years' time, we will be the two best players in the world,"

The tuture of the Grand Slam Cup, which is nominally assured for three years, is by no means certain. This quarter-final match between the two most talented young serve-and-volleyers in the game - the next Becker and Edberg, if you like - might

From Andrew Longmore just prove to be the turning point in the roller coaster fortunes of the event, which has attracted far more criticism than applause since it was announced, without much thought, 14 months ago.

Since then, the initial proposal for a round-robin format in the preliminary stages, similar to the system at the ATP Tour finals, has been doubled from eight to 16, which puts it closer to the concept of a "fifth" grand slam, a notion much propagated by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) but difficult to assimilate when the snow outside is two feet deep. Despite those changes, the doubts remained, not least amone the players.

Before their quarter-final, Sampras and Ivanisevic were as confused as most others about what exactly they were have them believe, or an hink the match should embryonic championship to decide the year's overall grand siam champion, a concept hazily outlined by the ITF? If the latter, why did they have to put up so much money, \$6 million, to attract the players? Was it to compensate for its lack of history or its lack of substance, or just a replace-ment for the lucrative bonus pool, which ended when the ATP took over the running of the professional tour? And why were Becker and McEnroe and Wilander not

At Wembley in November,

favoured the "exhibition" line, barely hiding the fact that he was attracted solely by the amount of money on offer. In Munich this week, when asked whether it was a proper tournament or an exhibition, he replied tactfully: "It is a tournament exhibition.

Behind the confusion, of course, lie the twin towers of politics and power. Unhappy at being pushed out of the organisation of the men's tour by the ATP and the tournament directors, the ITF started to fortify its own citedel, forming the four grand slam chairmen into the Grand Slam Committee (GSC) as its first buttress and adopting the idea, first proposed by the bullish David Markin, of the US Tennis Association, of a season-ending grand slam championship. Not surprisingly, the idea found favour in Germany, which has become the new financial centre of the game and which would dearly love to have a grand slam of

its own one day. But whether it was also designed to be part of a rival ITF tour, based on, say, the four grand slams and three other tournaments each with ITF computer points, and to put a spoke deliberately in the rather than thunderous aces, wheels of the ATP is open to question. The ITF throw their bands up in horror at the very thought, but some, including Becker, are not convinced by the display of innocence.

The GSC was meeting yesterday to consider whether to suspend Andre Agassi from one or more of next year's

drawal from the Grand Slam Cup. Their decision could precipitate an open test of strength between the ITF and the ATP, the first since the boycott of Wimbledon, all of 17 years ago. If so, the attitudes of such as Chang. Ivanisevic and Sampras could be vital. "The players would

said earlier this week. in the meantime, Sampras and Ivanisevic's simple lust for combat shone like the beam of a lighthouse through the surrounding politics. Their youthful energy through three sets of highly-charged tennis which swung violently from American to Yugoslav and back again added backbone to a tournament in danger of being classed as invertebrate after the early departure of Stefan Edberg. the No. 1 seed, and rather desultory crowds of just over 2,000 on the first two days. A crowd of 7,000 was

privileged to watch Sampras and Ivanisevic, and full houses are promised for the troubled by sore shins, will face a familiar challenge from Chang in the semi-final today. It will be very different from lvanisevic: follipop serves piercing passes rather than punching volleys, passivity in place of passion.

Sampras knows Chang's game well. "Michael and I have played each other all our lives," he said. Though never for a prize of \$1 million. RESULTS: Querter-finals: M Chang (US) bt H Leconte (F1, 7-8, 6-3; P Sempres (US) at G Hemsevic (Yug), 7-6, 6-7, 8-8.



Fighting spirit: Sampras's clenched fist emphasises his rivalry with Ivanisevic

White races ahead in final

THE long succession of oppo-pents who have fallen to Stephen Hendry since he estab-lished his supremacy by winning the world championship last May might have permitted elves a wry smile had they watched him yesterday.

Hendry is fallible after all, both to the germs of the common cold – he was streaming - and to an opponent, Jimmy White, determined to exploit any advantage he could

After the first session of the Coalite world matchplay final at Brentwood, Essex, yesterday. White, the defending champion, led 5-2 and deservedly so for Hendry was well below the standard be has set all season.

Little could be reasonably ssessed from so short a session to determine who would be the first to win 18 frames and the £100.000 prize today, but Hendry has shown several signs of vulnerability this week. He needed two mighty frame-

most difficult of years in dis-

array. The dispute over playing

new committee next month.

Even that process is of du-

brous legality The public split between Albert Ferrasse, the

long-standing president of the federation, and Fouroux, once his heir-apparent, has led Ferrasse to dismiss the exec-

unve committee - to which

Fouroux was appointed as sec-

winning efforts and a fluke to beat Dean Reynolds 9-8 in the quarter-finals and was caught from 6-3 ahead at 6-6 by Steve Davis in their semi-final on Thursday, before stepping up a gear and seeing Davis off by 9-6 with final breaks of 71 and 81.

Hendry, unbeaten in Britain all season while amassing prize-money of £318,000 and five events, has lost only three times in his last 35 matches. It would appear that Hendry, perhaps a little jaded, now needs a real whiff of danger before the adrenatin begins to flow and White was certainly capable of providing him with all the frights he might need.

The first came in the opening frame when White, already leading 46-20 fluked a snooker on White cleared to blue, Hendry's break of 56 then put him that much clear in frame two, but he White cleared to pink with 66

Hendry won a scrappy third frame and when White, who had promised no reckless shots, lailed at a red in the fourth Hendry punished him with a clearance of 80. One of Hendry's strengths this season has been to win frames from well in arrears but he missed his chance in the fifth frame when White charged at a pink and missed while leading 56-5 with three rods

remaining. Hendry potted a red, but missed the black and conceded the frame. White took frame six 84-1. Hendry led by 54 points in the seventh but then missed a red and White first replied with 58 and then spookered Hendry on the yellow. Hendry made contact but left it on and White moved three frames clear.

RESULTS: Fineb J White (Eng) leads S Hendry (Scot), 5-2 Frame scores (White first) 54-20, 58-56 31-73, 48-34, 55-6 84-1, 78-54 Thursday's labs result: Semi-fineb Hendry to S Davis (Eng) 9-6. Frame scores (Hendry first) 95-35, 0-84, 102-15, 54-4, 53-74, 43-82, 54-31, 80-8, 68-51, 21-16, 31-59, 43-60, 59-45, 102-17, 109-0.

least two bids. There is something healthy about British cities competing for the honour of representing

ity of 2008.

BOXING

Lewis not moved by Masonic derision

By SRIKUMAR SEN

BOXENG CORRESPONDENT CONTRARY to the belief of Gary Mason and his manager, Mickey Duff, Lendox Lewis is not running scared of the British heavyweight champion. Levis — as European champion he will receive half the £276,000 purse - has every intention of keeping his date with Mason in Feb-ruary, Frank Maloney, his man-

ruary, Frank Malobey, ms mm-ager said yesterday.

"Lennox is quite happy to accommodate Gary Mason," Maloney said. "We would have preferred to wait a little lenger. But if something goes wrong it will be easier to rebuild Lennox's career than it would be

"I don't think Mason's got the ammunition to best Leanox Lewis. I think he will run out of ideas. I think they are taking a bigger risk than we are. Lennox will show his true potential against Mason. He needs some-thing to lift him. It wasn't until be reached the final of the Olympics that he produced the

Majoney said there were a fears of Lewis falling short of funds because of the enquiry by the Praud Squad into the affairs of his backers, the Levill Group.
There is money to honour Lennox's contract. It has 18 months to run. His investments are safe too," Maloney said. "I expect to be his manager still when he fights Mason and when he fights for the world title in around 18 months' time. I also expect people will try to peach hum. I don't think there is anyone else who can offer him the same type of contract he has with me, but it is a vicious world

Maloney said that £200,000 had been made available to him for Lewis's wages and training expenses for the 18 months. "We will stick to the deal there will be no trimming" be

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Though he would not reveal who was putting up the money there appears to be no shorast of backers for the man who could mean big money in 18 months when he expects to challenge for the world title. Barry Hearn is believed to be foremost among those interested in Lewis.

The importance of good money management was brought home to boxets yesterday. James Buster Douglas, who earned \$24 million from his defence against Evander Holyfield, was left with only \$7 million to put in the bank. The taxman took \$8 million and Don King \$4 million in settlement of a contractual dispute. the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas \$400,000; then came the managers and trainers.

Just as well that Douglas is a man of simple tastes. Lary Nallie, a friend of the former world heavyweight champion. said: "He has more money non than he will ever spend in his life. He's not the kind of gay ini because he wrecked his othe who's going to buy a Lam car, jump into land deals in Florida or buy a chain of Kentucky Fried Chickens."

Douglas did not even try to make money out of his views on Mike Tyson last Saturday. Nor did he see the bout. He fel asleep seconds before the sant. When he woke up 147 seconds later, it was was all over.

BBC prepares to celebrate another sports personality Jackie Stewart and the late Graham Hill and then the transatianuc teasing of Harry

YOU may love them or hate them, but at this time of year there is no escaping them. I refer, of course, not to Christnas cards but to the annual sporting polls.

There are the sportsmen of this and that and the sportswomen of the other, with the grand-daddy of them all, the BBC Sports Personality of the Year. It was in 1954 that Christopher Chataway first stepped up to receive the award. He was followed down the years by such illustrious names as Mary Peters. Virginia Wade, Bobby Moore, Torvill and Dean, and Sebastian Coe. Last year, it was Nick Faldo

who took the accolade, and tomorrow evening, shortly after 8.30pm, in the Queen Elizabeth II Hall hard by the Thames, it will be revealed whether or not he has won

This is a night for everyone for the superstars - very few of hem ever fail to turn up - and for the administrators, for the viewers, who vote for the personality of the year in their many thousands and who

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THE WEEK IN VIEW

watch his or her presentation in their many millions; and above all, it is a night for the BBC itself, justly proud of its sporting coverage of the mo-ments of history it records over 12 months and then, on one showpiece, resautures.

As accustomed as they are to live television, it is a nerve-wracking 100 minutes for the presenters, Desmond Lynam and Steve Rider The planning starts in September, In 1984, 12.5 million people

tuned in: only twice in SIX years has the official figure dipped below 10 million. It is more than an extremely watchable show; it is a must Viewers know by now that, recalled action apart, there is always something different.

There were the chats between THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today: Grandstand (BBC 12.15pm) has this first semi-final from the grand slam tenns in Murach, with downhill skiing, racing from Ascot, showjumping at Olympia and a Regal Trophy rugby league match. LWT (3.05pm and 11.05pm) features the World Matchplay snooker final, Eurosport from 10am) wither sports, including curring, from Lillehammer, and Screensport live ice hockey from Minnesota. The final stages of England's meeting with New Zealand are on Sky One from 5am, with the opening of the game against Australia from 11pm.

Tomorrow: Steve Davis and Stephen Hendry clash in a Rothman's Centenary Challenge which could provide Screensport (from 7pm) with a cracker. The Match (LWT 2.55pm) comes from Eland Road, where troubled Everon face Leeds United. Sports Review Or The Year on BBC 1 (8.05pm) is preceded on BBC2 with two-and-a-half hours of cricket, tenns, rugby, and sluing. Winter sports dominate. Sunday Alive on Eurospon (from 11am).

Monday: Grand onts day at Olympia. showjumping is on BBC2 at 2.35pm.

Monday: Grand orts day at Olympia: showfumping is on BBC2 at 2 35pm and BBC1 at 10.45pm Eurosport have an hour long round-up from the National Hockey League, 8pm.

National Hockey League. 8pm.
Tuesday: Ron Agkinson commentates on his own Sheffield Wednesday in the Zenith Data Systema Cup against Bartisley it could be interesting if wednesday are not in top form (Sky One. 7.30pm).
Wednesday: Rough Guades To Careers (BBC2, 7pm) teatures sport and leisure. Screensport (8pm) has live boxing and Eurosport (10pm) an hour-long documentary on Arnold Palmer.
Thursday: The History of Football is one of the series tracing the beginnings of our national game (Eurosport 9.30pm).
Friday: Modest fare today: American golf (11.40pm on ITV), ice hockey (Screensport 2pm 4.10.30pm), and snooker in Dubai (Eurosport 12.30pm and 11.30pm) (30pm).

Carpenter by Muhammad Ali. There were the things that went wrong, frankly and humorously presented.

Last year, the programme produced what seemed to be

almost every trophy that is competed for throughout the world — 35 of them on display, including both men's and women's Wimbledon singles trophies that had never before been allowed to leave Wimble-

on together.

Tomorrow, to start the 90s, there will be a new format, which should enhance the programme without taking away any of its tradition. Instead of recalling the action sport by sport as in the past 35 years, the BBC will do so month by month.

There will not be too much that matters missing. When this week a journalist - it would be unkind to name the "beeb" about tomorrow's show, he accused them of putting out only sports which they had covered. "Name us a

sport we are not involved with, was the swift response. Before anyone mentions Mike Tyson, the BBC readily concedes that his sensation defeat by Buster Douglas was on Sky television. But as Brian Barwick, editor of Sportsnight, said: "The public probably do not realise how lucky they are getting as much as they do for

For Ron Atkinson, whether 90 minutes on Tuesday will just fly by will depend, no Just Ly by was depend, No doubt, upon his Sheffield Wednesday team's performance against Barnsley to the Zenth Data Systems Cup

Sky One, who show the game live (7 30pm) via both satellines (enabling BSB squarials to pick up the match) have talked Aukinson in to commentating on the match. "I will be making a few comments and if my boys have a sloppy game or give away a goal I will probably let

rip," Alkinson said.

BASKETBALL

A salutary European experience

By NICHOLAS HARLING

ALTHOUGH they may be invincible on the domestic front, Kingston are fast discovering, as if they did not suspect it already, that it is an entirely different game in The lesson the Greeks from

Aris Salonika taught the Carlsberg League leaders on Thursday, is likely to be rammed home by the reigning champions. Pop 84 Split. at Crystal Palace next Wednesday. For their first home game in the final pool of the European Champions' Cup. Kingston will need far more than the defiant words of their coach, Kevin Cadle who, after defeat by 103-90 in their opening tie, said However, Cadle realises that his squad must commit fewer

We are the young punks in this group and we are not going to be given anything," he said. "All we had to do was breathe on them and the Greeks were on the free throw his The only two supporters who made the trip, were reminded of another Kingston weakness. A

spate of inaccurate jump shots led to Gallis (37 points), Yannikis (23) and the American, Sellars (18) profiting from the rebounds, especially after Kingston had had Gordon and Cunningham fouled out "We cut our throats every time we had a chance to." Cadle said. "We didn't play as tough as we can. We were very passive. I dop't have any accolades for any of our players."

one good leg, must have come close to earning plaudits. On Wednesday, when Kingston need Byrd back to full fitness. Cadle hopes his players may be more worthy of praise. They now have a rare weekend off, leaving the visit of Sunderland, last season's runners-up, to Derby in the first round of the Coca-Cola Cup as

the pick of tonight's games.

Clark, who collected 24 points, and Byrd, who remained

on court for 39 minutes on his

Ferrasse faces his election challenge FRENCH rugby union will complete what has been the CHRIS THAU examines the bitter political struggle for

philosophy, so acute while Jacques Fouroux remained as coach, has been translated into 12, which provides the opportuthe political arena of the French nity for endless political rugby federation and will not be machinations as the two opposresolved until the electron of a ing camps manoeuvre for the mosi favourable positions.

power in French rugby

Ferrasse, with whom are associated the powerbrokers of the south - Andre Moga, of Bordeaux, Francis Senegas, of Languedoc, the Basque, Gaston Lebats, and Guy Basquet, from Agen, like Ferrasse and one of his oldest advisers. The other faction is led by Fouroux, who claims the support of 19 of 26 regional committee chairmen, and comprises a new generation

northern and eastern France. The situation has been complicated by the emergence of a

international prop forward and now coach to Racing Club of Paris, the national champions. He supports Jean Fabre, of Toulouse, as a compromise presidential candidate and is, in turn, supported by several of the leading players from his own playing days.

When Fouroux was appointed to the new executive, Ferrasse was loud in his defence: This is the end of a generation, the beginning of renewal in French rugby," he said. "Jacques Fouroux is a winner. He has tremendous qualities. He is

sequently persuaded to support the return of the old guard and at an executive meeting of the

He called for new elections and his discretionary vote sured the motion was carried in the confusion that followed there is doubt whether Ferrage

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of rugby administrators, largely

and the committee, on January

the presidency, on February 23,

retary-general only last month. There will be an election for third party, identified with Robert Paparemborde, the former

On the one hand stands

a very capable technician and administrator and he is full of enthusiasm."

federation in Toulouse, the president claimed that the balance of power between the factions was such that the governing body could not full its duties. its duties.

acted within the federation's acted within the recent constitution, but he has never theless kept in close touch with theless kept in close tour Roger Bambuck, the Fresch sports minister. "He has asked me to iron of

our problems in a democraft spirit," Ferrasse said this well if Ferrasse is to fall after years, it will not be without a

MES SATURDAY DECEMBER 15 1990 Bonds honesty is the best policy

FOOTBALL may have been more than a matter of life and death to Bill Shankly, but to Billy Bonds it is just a job, albeit the best one in the world. His arritude, even since moving into the precarious world of management, is unchanged from when he was a buccaneering player: "Football always had and aiways will be of secondary im-portance to me," he said.

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First in his life, as it is with many professional people, is his family. But few have the courage or nonesty to state it quite so openly, for fear of being accused of lacking commitment. No youngster who ever trudged home behind bonds (even when in his 40s) in a cross country race in training, let alone faced him on the field of combat, would ever have accused him of that

Bonds has brought the same degree of dedication to his role as West Ham United manager as he did to a playing career embracing a record 858 senior appearances. Even if he still could, at the age of 44. he would not attempt to play and manage because the job, he felt, needed his full attention. Yet he still managed to divorce the increasing business from siminishing pleasure. "I never let football people come to my home," he said.

As a player, Bonds was re-nowned for his speed off the mark after the match rather than during it. "Sometimes at training he was gone before we even got in," John Lyall, his former manager and a colleague of 22 years, remarked. "I've never known the bloke to socialise at all."

One of his fellow players once commented: "I doubt if he even knows where the players bar is at Upton Park."

On the field, though, no player could have wished for a more dependable colleague. Not for nothing did Volkswagen choose Bonds, 23 years a player, to promote the reliability aspect of their cars in the club's programme some years ago. Should honesty ev:r become a quality worth promoting again, then Bonds would be a perfect vehicle for that,

"All the people I worked for -Bob Stokoe, Ron Greenwood, John Lyall - had one thing in common. Honesty, You knew where you stood with them. That's the way I try to manage. I like honesty. There's not a lot about now, but I do like it," Bonds said.

He never makes the mistake, though, of confusing modesty with honesty. For example, even though he never won an England cap as a player, he quite rightly thought of himself as such and would have been officially recognised so had he not cracked a couple of ribs in 1981 just prior to an international against Brazil. "It doesn't bother me. I regard myself as an international. I'm not being big-headed, I just know I was good enough to play for England. That's all I need to know," he said.

Similarly, when asked to explain his idyllic start to his first full season in management, in which

West Ham have gone 22 League games without defeat, he replied quite candidly: "I've been lucky." Since succeeding Lou Macari in February, the team are also unbeaten at home, a record which comes under particularly close scrutiny today against a Middlesborough side sporting the biggest goal difference away from home in the second division.

West Ham have much for which to be grateful to Lyall, their estranged manager. Had he not offered Bonds the position of youth team coach a few years ago, Bonds felt sure that he would have left the club and joined another lower down the League and car-ried on playing. "I was very happy to be youth team coach. As a matter of fact, I enjoyed it more than this job. I think it's the best in football," he said.

There was never any doubt that Bonds, who insists on being called Billy or Bonzo by the players, would immediately command the respect of those he had just previously played alongside, principally because he already had their upmost respect. Those who

doubted his tactical acumendid

"He was a very intelligent player," Lyall said. "You could readily leave it to him to make a tactical decision during the course of a game. His early days were spent under Ron Greenwood and vou could not have had a bener person from whom to learn about

His later days under Lyall must have been informative as well, but at a glance, it would seem that Bonds' installation as manager, thereby reviving continuity in that position, brought immediate stability to the club after its illfated seven-month association with Macari. Nevertheless, Bonds conceded that results might just as easily have gone badly.

He was at pains to point out, too, that West Ham never saw the real Macari. "I don't think Lou ever came here and was really himself, to be quite honest. I think he had so many things on his mind that were happening down at Swindon," Bonds said.

As the new head of the Academy, Bonds is aware that his responsibility for upholding the club's tradition for good football, but in no way feels encumbered by it. He would play that way because he chose to, he said, but has warned the West Ham cognoscenti that the works of people like Brooking, Devonshire and Moore are not easily repeated.

Management was not a job which Bonds particularly craved. Until the day he stopped playing at the age of 41, he never thought further that his next appearance in the claret and blue. Even now, he said, he would find it harder to accept that he could not run and train any more than if he was suddenly to lose a job in football, deeply though he was indebted to

Sometimes he wished that every player started off his career, as he did, on a factory floor. Then perhaps, Bonds said, he would be more appreciative of what he has the best job in the world.



Head of the Academy: manager Bonds casts a keen eye over training

O'Leary's Venables keeps the formula Stadium problems mount for Bath today, they will equal their best beginning to a season, set in 1947-48. Then, the side cap-tained by Joe Mercer went 17 first division matches unbeaten

By WALTER GAMMIE

BOISON

A £37,000 profit has, however, enabled Bath to make cash available to Rooney to

strengthen the team. The sur-plus came from a £57,000 deal that took Jason Dodds to

Southampton and two FA Cup matches against Fulham last

got little reward for their endur-ance, spending seven hours on

the road to Beston only to arrive midway through the second

half. Any cheer to be gained

from seeing that their side was 2-0 ahead was dissipated by Runcorp's conceding two goals

Paul Compton, the Wey-

mouth player-manager, resigned this week after four months, because the financial problems

of the bottom club in the Beazer

Homes premier division im-posed unacceptable restraints upon his work.

in the closing minutes.

The supporters of Runcorn

BATH City, plagued by the after before losing to Derby County. They continued to lead the table effects of the fire that destroyed the stand at Twerton Park in for the entire season. However, after winning their last four games, Wimbledon have dif-September and poor form on the pitch, were caught cold by further misfortune when snow caused chaos last weekend. George Rooney, the manager, West Ham United are unbeaten in their last 20 second division encounters, a sequence

had set out from his home in Worcester for Birmingham to meet Dave Gamble, a new signing from Prescot. Snow-bound in the Midlands, Rooney rang the club on Saturday morning to say: "Our match assures Sutton is off in?" it?" agginai Sutton is off isn't it? "No," Paul Britton, the secretary, replied. "We've had only a sprinkling of snow. The pitch is in beautiful condition. Sutton say they will have no problems coming from London."Bath drew 2-2 under the stewardship

of Tony Ricketts, the injured defender. The club's hopes of rebuilding its stand before the end of the season have been stalled because the loss adjustors have yet to complete their tasks. Britton said: "You can't hold the fire responsible for defeats on the pitch but it has had an

Doug Fawcett, the chairman of Chelmsford City, survived an attempt to vote him off the board at a shareholders' meeting. on Thursday night. His position was under threat from a group of shareholders who had blocked a effect because it's gone on so long. Both Bath and Bristol Rovers, their tenants, have sufproposed rescue package set up Fawcett.

New Watford directors

PROFESSOR Stuart Timperley, appointment of Brian Eastick as the chairman of the London Business School, the barrister, Terry Paine, who is to leave the Smart Lawson Rogers, and Charles Lissack, an estate agent, have been appointed directors FA Cup third round tie with West Ham United to Union of Watford.

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The Coventry City playermanager, Terry Butcher, yesterday completed his needed to cope with the exmanagerial learn with the pected crowd.

West Ham United to Upton
Park because their ground is not
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Northern pack holds the answer at Wigan

By KEITH MACKLIN

THERE is a very open appearance about this weekend's Regal Trophy quarter-finals, with no side showing sufficient form to place on the wing for Les Quirk. stand out above the rest. Even who has recovered from a knee the holders, Wigan, have been struggling to piece together their Rochdale Hornets struggled struggling to piece together their game, and there can be no certainty of victory despite home advantage against pecis of a giant-killing act

Bradford Northern today.

Northern won easily against the second division side, Bramley, in mid week, and their powerful pack will be in no mood to trifle with the Wigan six at Central Park. Wigan will be without their booker, Martin be without their booker, Martin Dermott who is superpedd and division side hed its receptor of Dermott, who is suspended, and division side had its moment of the versatile young scrum half, glory in beating Oldham last Bobby Goulding will take over week. Their best hope at at No. 9.

game at Warrington tomorrow with St Helens making the short brilliant flowing best, trip to Wilderspool. The Saims will have their booker, Paul Sheffield Eagles will attempt to Groves, back in action, but their pull out of their dive at home to tail from row forward. John Leeds in a re-arranged fixture. tail front row forward, John

FA Cup third round tie with West Ham United to Upton

Naughton Park is to keep the There is an outstanding derby score down against the Widnes team which seems back to its

Government approval

THE last remaining threat to (Richard Streeton writes). Durham's hopes for a new headquarters ground on which to play county championship

concident disappeared yesterday the minister saw no necessity for the minister saw no necessity for the Environment offered no objection to the proposed £9 million development at Chester-le-Street being implemented to the memory of the new ground fulfils the main condition laid down by the Test and County Cricket Board.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitakers in fine form on the eve of World Cup test

By JENNY MACARTHUR

competing at Olympia without his top borse. Henderson Milton, underlined the strength of all after spooking at a fence son, underlined the strength of his current team of showjumpers yesterday when he and the eight-year-old Hender-son Fonda won the Everest Power and Speed competition by a comfortable one-and-a-guarant seconds.

quarter seconds.

The win completed a family The win completed a family double, for earlier John's younger brother, Michael, had gained his first win of the show with Henderson Tees Hanauer and Red Wings in the Everest Stakes, a two-horse relay.

Henderson Fonda, a Belgian

bred mare, has won a class at every international show in which she has competed since Whitaker started riding her in March at the request of her owner, Armand Tyteca.

"She's very careful and she's also fast," Whitaker said. "We have perhaps used her too much just for speed classes because she is just as capable as jumping grand prix courses, as she has proved."

Police Smith who had had Robert Smith, who had held the early lead on Brook Street

Clover - a horse as versatile as Fonda - was relegated to second place when Whitaker, the last to go out of the 29 starters, cut corners in remarkable style to record his winning time. Michael's win, over a smaller

course, was a particularly rewarding one. Tees Hanauer had suffered a loss of confidence

JOHN Whitaker, who is the Toronto Grand Prix last fall after spooking at a fence without a ground line. Yes-terday the German-bred gelding

showed all his usual fluency in a narrow win over the Swiss rider, Willie Melliger.

Today, both Whitakers will compete in the Volvo World Cup qualifier the local point of the five-day show. John, who as holder of the World Cup automatically qualifies for the final in April, is riding Henderson Gammon, the horse who was at death's door last May with a lung infection but who has returned to competition better than ever. Michael will ride his top horse, Henderson Monsanta, in an attempt to increase his tally of eight points. surnica hi ars 1. rest ig 1 aty 1 ener to 1. rest ig 2 aty 1 ener to 1. rest ig 20 willed to 1. rest ig 20 will entit iclu.

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Guy Goosen, aged 16, from Warwickshire, became the youngest winner of the Imperial Cancer Young Showjumper award after an authoritative performance on Sky Breeze a horse be has brought on from a

Intere-year-old.

RESIZ.TS: The Everest Power and Speed: 1, Henderson Fonds IJ Whitaker, 23.69sec: 2. Brook Street Clover (R. Smith), 25.01; 3, Feedback (D. Brooms), 25.54. The Everest Stakes: Henderson Tess Hanuar and Henderson Rad Wings (M. Whitsler), Imia 2.53sec; 2, M. & C. Concorde and M. & C. Feverball (W. Melliger, Switz), 1/2.78; 3, Brook Street Clover and Brook Street Vanessa (R. Smith), 1/33,64. The imperial Cancer Young Showjumper Award: 1, Biry Streeze (G. Goosen), of taxists on 30.1sec; 2, Waham (K. Durham), 0, 30.8; 3, Narry Piper (L. Beven), 0, 31,07.

ship were "optimistic" and that Sheffield was looking at a "potential funding gap". The headline in the report was

that they could lose as much as £14 million. Councillor David Chadwick, the leader of the Liberal Demo-

crats and a member of the policy committee says on the programme "I knew nothing about that report, neither did my colleagues. Had we known that that sort of expenditure or rather that sort of loss was soine.

rather that sort of loss was going to be incurred then we would

have been raising questions in

Sheffield ignored deficit warning

SHEFFIELD city council bid for the 1991 World Student stressed that the expected mil-Games despite being warned by for the 1991 World Student Games despite being warned by an independent report that the event was likely to lose money. New evidence about the unfounded optimism of Labour councillors is revealed in the ITV programme World in Action to be screened on Monday night.

As The Times disclosed last week the Games, which next

week the Games, which next July will attract 6,000 competitors from 120 countries, are expected to lose at least £5 million, the biggest deficit for any sports event in British

Funds for building the superb facilities, which will be of value to generations of local residents in the 21st century, have been largely borrowed from foreign banks and underwritten by the council for £147 million.

The draft report on capital and revenue costs drawn up in June 1987 by Pannell Kerr

the city council."
Peter Duff, a former Labour councillor, says that he does not think that anyone within the Sheffield Labour Party other than the few people who were directly in control of the games were actually aware of the potential for huge losses.

CYCLING Curran under

pressure to quit pro ranks PAUL Curran, Britain's most consistent road and track all-

rounder until he turned pro-fessional in 1989, is on the verge resisional in 1969, is on the verge of reverting to amateur status (Peter Bryan writes).

He is suffering, like many other professionals, from lack of a 1991 sponsor and if one is not forthcoming by Christmas he is

almost certain to race as an mateur gest season.

To do so, his application needs to reach the British Cycling Federation by December I and he will be automatically eligible for competition from April 1. The BCF confirmed yesterday that it had provided Curran with all the information to help him make a decision.

Before joining the cash ranks
Curran had won British titles on the road and track riding for the Manchester Wheelers. The club's sponsor, Jack Fletcher, said that if Curran chose 10 revert he would be welcome to

race in their colours again.

He would be eligible for national championships but as a former pro could not compete in the Olympic and Common-wealth Games or world championships. Yesterday, Curran said he intended to continue racing next year in whatever category was open to him.

IN BRIEF

Jahangir is fined for withdrawal

JAHANGIR Khan, the ninetime British Open squash rackets champion, has been fined \$500 for his late withdrawal from the World Open in Toulouse. France last month. Jahangir was also awarded a zero ranking score, which will come into effect from January 1.
The world No. 2 complained of a mystery virus. Roger Eady, executive director of the International Squash Players' Assoct ation, said account was taken of

Jahangir's "great contribution to squash". ATHLETICS: Britain's showdown with a united German team at Crystal Palace on June 19 will be sponsored by Dairy

TENNIS: Alice Marble, the United States's leading woman player in the 1930s, has died. She was 77. Obituary, page 14 CRICKET: David Hookes became South Australia's highest run scorer when he hit 178 on the opening day of their Shef-field Shield match against

Queensland yesterday. RACKETS: Matthew Windows, THE TIMES SPORTS SERVICE



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sympathy in defeat

THE defeat handed out to David O'Leary, the Arsenal and Republic of Ireland defender, by the taxman was being received in football yesterday with sym-pathy rather than foreboding (Peter Ball writes). There is certainly no indication that there have been widespread attempts by footballers to use overseas tax shelters.

The general response from agents and financial advisers was surprise that either O'Leary or Arsenal believed that the coup. Arsenai giving O'Leary an interest free loan which was invested in Jersey, would work, The attempt does make use of the fact that O'Leary is not domiciled in the LIK, which would not be true for the vast majority." Peter Sutton, of the accountants, Touche Ross, said. Touche Ross has several leading

players among its clients.
"Obviously I only saw the newspaper report, so I don't know all the facts of the case, but on the face of it I'm not at all surprised that it didn't work. And for UK domiciled players, the rules are just so tight it is very difficult to set up anything

that is tax effective."

Two of the game's leading agents, Jonathan Holmes and Dennis Roach, were equally surprised at the concept, both insisting that the use of overseas tax shelters was not something they had encountered before, although Holmes said he knew of one prominent England player who he believed was doing it for his other commercini ventures. In terms of football earnings he was dismissive.
"I don't see any basis for a
UK resident to have UK earnings paid abroad," Holmes said.

widened, but the view of Terry
Venables.

Irked by frequent inquisitions as to why Paul Walsh is constantly stuck on the substitutes' beach, the Tottenham Hotspurmanager yesterday said: "Football these days is very much a 13-man game. It has been that way on the Continent for many years. Over there, they sometimes start the match with their best player on the beach.

"This can often have a more explosive effect when they do come on. Continental players seem to accept this more readily than some in this country."

Presumably that was a dig at Walsh, who was unhappy to learn that he will once again

FOOTBALL is no longer an 11-a-side game. That is not the latest dictate from those members of Pifs frustrated at their failure to get the goalposts widened, but the view of Terry Versibles.

First division Arsenal v Wimbledon Arsenal are unchanged. Fashymu und Glouon return for Coventry v Man Utd

Derby v Chelsea Callaghan returns for Derby, who include Williams in the squad. Townsend (concussion) is very found of the Chalces, Stuart or Burnsteed will deputise. Liverpool v Sheff Utd Liverpool include McManaman, an under-21 international still to be

Money airlifted to rescue Conner

By BARRY PICKTHALL

DENNIS Council yesterday lenger due to be launched at the

Regis, Livingstone, and Gynn return to the Coventry squad after injury. Robson could start his first game for Unread since the FA Cup final in May. Ince is fit and returns to the midfield, probably at Whoth's expense.

McLoughlin, the midweek £1 million signing from Swindon, million his onbut for Southampton in place of Case (knee), but Le Tissier is fit to resume after timess, With Olney (calf) absent, Cascarino returns to the Ville attract,

Sunderland v Norwich Gebbladini returns to the Sunderland forward line after litness. Bennett and Owers face

learn the secrets of the French

yacht when they begin sailing off San Diego on January 16.

In France, Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris, has launched a

city-backed campaign to sup-port their national challenge led by Marc Pajot. The Italians, who now have three boats, are

completing final speed trials off Palma this week before

ransfering to San Diego early in the New Year.

Sir Michael Fay shipped the first of his four-strong Farr designed challengers from Auckland last week, together with the first of the Japanese Beneal Ray boots which is due to

Bengal Bay boats which is due to arrive on January 8. The Nip-pon Challenge syndicate arrives

in San Diego on February 5, In

ago committed West Ham to the second division. Second division

Tomorrow First division Crystal Palace v Luton

Leeds v Everton

Palace are injury free, Barber is likely to be preferred to Thompson. Lution must choose between Hughes and Rees in midfield.

OPR v Nott'm Forest

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS Man City v Tottenham City choose between Coton and Dibble in goal. With Stewart recovering from an antibe injury, Tottenham are injury free, Sadgle returning to central defence.

> Stejskal replaces Roberts in goal for QPR, for whom Maddix and Falco return after injury. Forest are unchanged. South'ton v Aston Villa

start on the bench at Manchester City today. It seems rough justice on a player who on several occasions this season has

scored decisive goals for Totten-ham minutes after making a late

West Ham + Middlesboro Martin, Foster, and Brahop are all injured and absent for West Ham, who give Mitdosko (back) a late fitness test. Philips (anide facus a late fitness test for

which leaves them five points clear at the top. But Middles-brough, today's visitors at Up-ton Park, are the League's leading scorers away from

home, with 21 goals, have won

six times on their travels, stand

fourth, and are the club whose

win in the East End two seasons

Leeds, for whom Stertand has passed a fitness test, delay selection. Milligan and Hinchiffle are injured and absent for Everton, for whom McCall has passed a fitness test. Beagrie is also expected to start.

Parker casts

Chen selection CHEN Xinhua's international career may be over (Richard Faton writes). Donald Parker, the England captain, says Chen cannot be considered for the world championships in Japan in April unless the Rotherbard. in April unless the Rotherham player can make big improve-ments in his fitness during the

Chen will then be 31 and the disappointment of failing to gain selection would almost certainly end his England career.
The former member of two Chinese world title-winning teams has played only once for England since he helped win a bronze medal for his adopted country in the World Team Cup last May.

Parker said yesterday: "Since the national council vote to include Chen Xinhua in the England squad he has been selected for all events for which he was eligible. In both open tournaments, the US Open and the M & G Classic, he did not participate in the team events for physical reasons, and with the current ETTU ruling, which has been questioned by the ETTA, the next major event in which he is eligible would be the world championships in Japan.

"To select him for this event on current evidence would be unwise as, with up to a dozen geam matches, fitness is vital. Unfortunately due to other commitments he has been unable to attend any of the squad training at Lifeshall and has only made a very brief appearance at the Chesterfield Centre.

Chester-le-Street District

limed up American Airlines in his scramble for money to fend off nival defenders and 12 challengers for the America's world championship for this team also face a race against time to prepare for the first world championship for this Cup when the next series takes new class early in May. place off San Diego in May 1992. In contrast, the America³ syndicate led by Bill Koch, whose maxi yacht, Matador' dominated this year's world championship, has taken over Fl, the first French prototype design sold to John Bertrand's Pages Spouliste which is

So far, the Cup skipper, whose team of sailors and lawyers beat off Sir Michael Fay's littgious New Zealand challenge in 1988, has raised only around \$7 has raised only around 57
million for a challenge which he
admits will cost all of £30
million to be successful.

Beach Boys syndicate which is
expected to close its doors any
day, or merge with Koch's million to be successful. America³.

Sources close to Conner's Koch, who is listed in Forbes latest roll of the top 400 wealthy syndicate suggest that the airline deal is worth only \$1 million, which adds to the \$6 million in Americans with a net worth of \$700 million, has no such cash ted to his challenge by Pepsi Cola and Cadillac.

With his first 75ft Cup chal
With his first 75ft Cup chalstage payments already commit-

Satellite tracking troubled Tada

YUKOH Tada, the Tokyo taxi won his division in the first driver competing in his second BOC race eight years ago, was last heard from four days ago, world yacht race continued to but the conversation be had make slow progress yesterday, with a ham radio contact in but race officials discounted that South Africa was abruptly cut he may be in difficulties (Barry off in mid-sentence. If his Pickthall writes). "We know he was in bad weather three days ago, experi-

enced three knock-downs and has lost his ability to communicate, but the Argos sateflite tracking system monitoring the yachts showed that he was making six knots this morning."
Pete Dunning said yesterday from race headquarters at Newport.

The skipper, aged 60, who

ing and a second

performance does deteriorate again, there are two other BOC compensors behind who can be called on to provide safety

Ugarte, Sp) 2.007; 10, Grinder (B Feed, SA) 2.179. Chees 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupequer, Fr) 2.021; 2, New Spirit of Ipsyston (J Half, GB) 2.572; 3, Sporeor Warsen (D McIntyre, Aust) 2.728; 5, Known (Y Tada, Appen) 3.384 Contraction classes; 1, Volcano (P Traquiscery, US) 3.020; 2, Global Exposure (R Davis GB) 3.194, 3, Shubmotohy (M Saro, Jepan) 3.432; 4, Nahau (R Hoose, US) 3.587. • Rothmans, the British maxi

yacht skippered by Lawrie Smith, sped away in very light conditions to an early lead in the opening race of the NorTel Asia Pacific championship - a 75 nautical mile Olympic-style triangle off the Sydney coastline last night. After 24 miles of sailing at the end of the first triangle, Rothmans led by

TABLE TENNIS

doubt over

next three months.

CRICKET

Council was officially told that



Oxford's pool of rare talent

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

Boat Race win in 16 years when their trial eights were held from Putney to Mortlake yesterday.

Oxford's two internationals, Rupert Obholzer and Matthew Pinsent, were in opposing boats. Obholzer being joined in Chicken by the 1989 Oxford Blue, Cal MacLennan, and the 1990 Cambridge Blue, Richard Young the latter still sporting his Becfeater light blue top. Pinsent, in Egg had the 1990 Blue, Tom Slocock and junior gold medal winner, Peter Bridge, to keep him company.

Chicken, stroked by the American club oarsman. Joe Michaels, were quicker away on the Surrey Station rating 44 to Egg's 43½, but were only one third of a length ahead as the crews rounded the Fulham bend. At the Mile, reached in 4:03, the crews were level, both rating an economical 34 strokes per minute, although Michael's rhythmn was giving his crew more apparent length and steadiness than the opposing Egg, led by his compatriot from Yale, Hamish Hume.

As the fog lifted after Hammersmith Bridge (7:03), Chicken began to edge away,

after seeing Bleddyn Taylor — who is the league's highest try

scorer with nine - and Mark Titley score a three tries each

that day, has yet to return.

earlier in the week.

selectorial interest in Steele Lewis, the centre. He was called

up to train with the Welsh squad

For Llanelli, Steffan Jenkins plays his first Heineken League

match at scrum half in the absence of Rupert Moon.

Neath, who rated their perfor-

marice against Cardiff last week

OXFORD'S two top crews revealed a strong pool of talent to being able to cross in front or being able to cross in front of Egg at the bottom of Dukes Meadows, Egg's coxswain, Dan-iel Talbot-Ponsonby, seemed content to steer his crew in Chicken's wash, and, in true summer eights style, tried and missed a "bump" by one foot as the crews approached Barnes Bridge. He tried a similar move just strokes before the finish, but Chicken took the honours by a length and the vital foot in a fast time of 18:18.

Chicken's success in a close battle was attributable to a steadier rhythmn and opportunistic coxing by Vicky Wild, who laid claim to a men's blue to accompany the women's half blue she achieved in 1990. CHCKEN: Bow, D. R. Clother (Emanuel School and Queens) 2, R. D. Smith (Parkside, Caribridge and Pembroke), R. W. Martin, (Durinam Johnstone and University), 4, K. W. Kobech (Harvard and Brasenose), S. C. A. Med-Lonnan (Carry Hall Brasenose), S. C. A. Med-Lonnan (Carry Hall Brasenose), S. C. A. Med-Lonnan (Carry Hall Brasenose), S. C. A. Med-Lonnan (Carry Martin Ma 7, H C Young Bodford, (Downing and St John's) J. G Michaels (La Salie, US and University), cox. V A Wild (Yagol Ardudwy Harnach and Magdisien).

GGC: Bow, J P Hodgas (Abbingdon and Oriel), 2, M P Brown (Queens Park HS Chester and Oriel), 3, T G Stocotk (Strewsbury and St John's), A, C D Riches (Belmont Abbey and St John's), 5, M C D Riches (Belmont Abbey and St John's), 5, M C Pinsem (Eton and St Catherine's), 7, P A Bridge (Eton and Oriel), H P Hume (Yale and Pembroke); cox: D F Talbot-Ponsorthy (Shrewsbury and Oriel).

Despite being dropped by London Carling intends to be among the spectators this afternoon at Kingsholm as they try to seal the divisional championship

West aim to keep the race alive

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IN THE ADT divisional championship thus far the South and South-West game plan has worked, their coach says, for five minutes. That was the extent of their success against the Midlands on the opening weekend; their game plan and nearly their flight plan was ditched by the weather last Saturday, which leaves them today as the only obstacle between London and a third title.

If coherence escaped them during the 34-9 demolition by the Midlands, however, there is reason enough to discover their best form at Gloucester. Regardless of whether the postponed North v South-West game is played. En-gland's selectors will decide on Tuesday their training squad of thirty to go to Lanzarote next month, a trip on which at least half the West Countrymen should be involved. Geoff Cooke and John Elliott, the England manager and selector denied games last weekend by the snow, will be at Headingley and Gloucester

recovered from a damaged inger to play No. 8 so that their first-choice back row can impose themselves on the game in a manner denied them by Richards, Rees and Wells a fortnight ago. They will be heartened, too, that on their two previous visits to the West, in 1986 and 1988, London have lost.

"I think we will beat them," Keith Richardson, the South-West coach, said unequivocably yesterday. "We have enough to do it. We will kick the ball up in the air to the Kingsholm shed end and, if we get the opportunity, we will use the backs." Richardson has a mischievous tendency to make public utterances with tongue firmly in cheek, but at Gloucester they do not take kindly to defeat, not by Londoners.

However he believes that the off-the-field events of this week will have strengthened London rather than the reverse. The demotion of Will Carling for missing training (the England captain intends to be at Kingsholm to support London) will act, Richardson The South-West will be thinks, as a unifying factor for

relieved that Mike Teague has his colleagues and if London can bring in two internationals to replace their front-rank centres, Carling and the injured Damian Hopley, they can scarcely be said to have been weakened significantly. None of the London backs

who played at Kingsholm in 1988, the year of their first championship title; remain in the side and only three of the forwards, Probyn, Ackford and Skinner. By contrast there are seven members of the South-West XV which won 20-13, all of them heartened by how near the Midlands came last weekend to overturning the champions and resolved to contribute a similar effort.
Meanwhile the Midlands

themselves go to Headingley to play the North, determined to end the championship on the same high note on which they began. They will be without John Wells, the Leicester flanker who damaged a knee last weekend; although Sam Masters, his replacement, is an experienced player Wells's value to the Midlands is difficult to overstress, particularly since he works so well in harness

The Midland approach is unlikely to alter to any great extent, which will suit Rupert Moon. The championship has proved an excellent vehicle for him to display his talents at scrum half, and a direct confrontation with Dewi Morris - presently number two to Richard Hill - will be greatly

The North must decide whether to take the Orrell option and confront the Midlands up front, or whether to spread their wings; the likeli-est choice, with David Pears at stand-off half, is to play a forward game and hope to dominate the set pieces. But all the time one eye will be

to his liking.

Old Actonians, for they play London Welsh in the second round of the Middlesex Cup. The Middlesex fifth division club have lost only once this

open for the result from Gloucester. If London lose the

championship remains open.

Rosslyn Park play

Woodhouse and Jermyn at

half-back in the match which

marks the centenary of fix-

tures with Richmond but

there is no recall to Notting-

ham's ranks against Bedford

for Potter, the centre who

played for the Midlands

against London last weekend.

Tomorrow is the most im-

portant day in the history of

At Gloucester
BOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST DIVISIONS J
WARD A Best, J Garacet, A Advance of
Beth), P Hull (Bristol); Ill Hannin (Gloucester), R Hill: V Ubogu, G Deve, R Lee, J
Hell N Hanning State, C Best, Cuptain), Ill Tengue (Gloucester),
LCHEON DIVISIONE 6 Paytes (Wespe); A
Herristen (Harlequire), J Buckton (Samcens), R Lecoward, (Waspe), E Davis,
(Harlequire); R Andrew (Waspe, captain),
C Luxten; J Lecoward, B Moore (all
Harlequire), J Proym (Waspe), Ill Schnor,
P Acklord (Doth Harlequire), 3 Dev
(Ricslyn Park), P Winterbutton (Harlequire), D Ryan (Wasps).

Try scorers keep Emyr on sideline

By GERALD DAVIES

SWANSEA's results of the last couple of weeks give ample demonstration, if any more were needed, of their fitful form. Two weeks ago Giamorgan Wanderers achieved only their second win of the season by beating them. Yet, within seven days, Swansea were able to pull themselves together to run rampant to score 12 tries in the 63-6 defeat of Pontypool, the highest score in the championship. score in the championship There is no telling what they will get up to next.

Today, at St Helens, Swansea face Cardiff, who travel some-what shamefacedly after their innocuous performance at home to Neath last Saturday. Three of their international players -Mike Hall, Steve Blackmore and Richie Collins — who played last weekend have been dropped as has Ian Greenslade, their

Bennett (flanker) and Griffiths (prop) return after a lengthy absence from injury and suspension respectively. Simon Hill comes in at centre, John Humphries plays in the middle of the front row. Robert Lakin, who came off in the first half lest eckend, will partner Bennett on the side of the scrum.

Swansea retain the team which played last Saturday,

face tough opposition The weather may have dis-rupted others last weekend but which means there is no place for Arthur Emyr who is fit again after a three-month layoff. But the selectors had little option

train to Redruth yesterday happy in the knowledge that their two scheduled matches have produced two victories in the ADT county championship (David Hands writes). A third egainst Cornwall today will take them through to a semi-final northern zone's first division.

Middlesex

After holding Llanelli to a 10-10 draw with only 13 men, Pontypridd must be looking forward today to see what they might achieve with a full complement playing the full 80 minutes. Denzil Earland, who Cornwall, unchanged from the team that beat Hertfordshire a fortnight ago, will not be disposed to make life easy for their visitors whose midfield has was sent off after four minutes in their first encounter, is back on the flank, although Jim Scarlett, the other player sent off been muddled by the demands of London and who have introduced McFarland at hooker and Sheasby at No. 8. There is continued Welsh

Should Yorkshire, reinforced by the return to their front row of Woodthorne, classics, No. of Woodthorpe, defeat North Midlands at Stourbridge they can look forward to January 5 when they will play their post-poned game with Warwickshire position they will occupy in the

Warwickshire have the option an their best of the season, travel of playing Parton, the Cam-bridge University full back, in that game but keep faith today with Hall (Barker Butts) against to Abertillery with memories of a stirring encounter at the Gnoll in their opening match. To hold Lancashire at Waterloo.

TODAY'S DIVISIONAL TEAMS

POOTBALL Barcleys League

First division Arsenal v Wimbledon Coventry v Manchester Utd.... Derby County v Chelsea...... Liverpool v Sheffield Utd...... Manchester C v Tottenham.... **OPR v Nottm Forest.**

Southampton v Aston Villa Sunderland v Norwich Second division Blackburn v Bristol C Notts County v Hull. Didham v Woives.... Port Vale v Oxford Sheff Wed v Ipswit

Swindon v Chartton Third division Birmingham v Rotherham

Shrewsbury v Wigai Southend v Grimsbj Fourth division Aldershot v Hereford

Cartisle v Northampton Hartiepool v Lincoln

GM Vauxinall Conference Barnet v Cheltenham.

lacclesfield v Runcom... Wycombe v Sutton Utd

Tennents Scottish Cup First round

First round replay Alloa v Ross County B and Q Scottish League

Aberdeen v Motherw Hibernian v Dundee Utd ...

First division Ayr Utd v Airdne.

Dungee v Fortar. Hamilton v Partick Morron v Kilmarnock Serwick v Dumbarton.

Queen of South v Arbroath FA VASE: Third round: Glossop v North Farriby (1.30): Cammell Laird v Ashington (1.30): Garlorit v Borrowsh Vic (1.30); Farsley Celtic v Gussley: Bridington Town v Eppleton CW; Knowsley v Ossett

mattock, First division: Accrington Stan-ley V Winstord; Altreton V Emley, Esstwood Town v Rossendeie; Harrogate v Netherfield; Newtown v Lancaster City; Warrengton v Redolfitte Borough, Leegas Cup: Second round replays: Fleetwood v Hyde; Mossley v Bangor; Whittey Bay v Caernarion, Third round: Buston v Rhy; Curzon Ashton v Leek Town; Southport v Horwich; Workington v South Liverpool.

Town: Billingham Town v Harrogate RA
(1.30): Worsboro Bridge MW v Great
Harwood (1.30): King's Lynn v Rushall
Oly; Peget Rangers v Hinckey Aft;
Rismworth MW v Hudenel (1.30); Gressy
v Rushats, Spetiling v Wisbach; Rothwoll v
Priory (Eastwood): East Thurrock v
Eastleigh; Saffron Welden v Burgess Hill;
Haywards Hastin v Thetford; Hythe v
Haverris; Hastisad v Histor, Harsfield v
Havart; Hastings v Turbridge Welle;
Buckingham v Mount Grace (PD); Sudbury
v Harwoth and Parke; Waithemstow
v Harwoth and Parke; Waithemstow
v Harwoth and Radden Velle v Didcot;
Northwood v Purileet; Almondsbury
Picksons v Troubridge; Hungerord Town
v Newquey; Dawish v Wellington; Paulton
Rovers v Bridport; Yeta Town v Wilmborne
Town.

HPS LOAKS LEAGUE: Primiter division

Norwich; Workington v South Liverpool.

EATER HOSS LEAGUE Premis division: Burton v Femborouch; Chelmsford v Atherstone; Crawley v Bromsgrove; Darriford v Beshiey; Dorchester v VS Rugby; Halesowen v Gravesend; Moor Erwan v Wellington; Foot Town v Dover; Rushden v Weymouth; Waterlooville v Gloucester; Worcester v Cambridge City, Middland division: Barry v Corby; Estaword v Wellinstell, Hadneston! Racing CW, Isinckley v Bedgoroth; Newport AFC v Alvechurch; Nuneston Borrough v Grantham; Reddich v Sutton Coldfield; Stourbridge v Biston; Stroud v Dudley; Tamworth v Leucester Urd, Southern division: Baldock v Andover; Burnham v Erith and Belvedere; Bury v Folkestone; Corinthian v Margate; Dunstable v Farsham, Gosport Borough v Ashford Town; Sallsbury v Witney.

Southempton.
Stormock Fush LEAGUE Ballycture v
Colerains Ballymena v Ants; Bangor v
Disnitery; Carrick v Glemoran; Cithornile v
Newry; Linfield v Larne; Omagn v
Crusaders, Portadown v Glenavon.
BOUTHERN AMAYEUT LEAGUE: Oct
Actonians v Midland Bank; Old
Easthameums v West Wickham; Old
Easthameums v West Wickham; Old
Salmane v Not West Bank; East Barnet
OG v Barclays Bank; Old Bromleians v
Dis; Polytechnic v South Bank Polytecruc;
Alexandra Park v Propi fiera of Scotland;
Bank of England v Old Westminster Cits;
Cuaco v Alleyn Old Boys; Lloyds Bank v

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: 850 11.00-15.30, 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-02.30 (to-

15:30, 20.00-20.00 and 00.30-02.30 (to-morrow): National Footbal League. AMERICAN SPORT: 858 15:00-17:00. BASIC: FALL: Screensport 10.00-12.00. BOXING: Screensport 17:00-18:00. Lessport 20.45-71-45. CRICKET: Sky One 23:00 (Friday) - 06:45 and 23:00-07-15: World Senes Cup: England v New Zestend. CWILING: European 00.45-01-45 (como-row) (see Eurosport Saturday): European championships.

championships. CYCLING: Eurosport 18.00-19.00: Six-

day race. DANT& 856 10.00-12.00: World madows.

DATTS 508 10.00-12.00: World matters: ECUPSTHAMIANE Ecrosmopor 19:00-10.00: Show jumping from Parts BBC1 22.15-23 15 Show jumping from Opmpa. EuroSPORT SATURDAY: EuroSPORT (0.00-18.00: Snow report; Skiling, World Cup: Cycling; Mourista bits championships; Curling: Europeen championships; Curling: Europeen championships; Tennis: Europe v United States. Sid jumping: From Canada.
FOOTBALL: BSB 22.30-23.30: Scottish jeecuse.

league.
GOLF: Screensport 07.00-09.00 and 25.30-01.30: US PGA.
GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-17.05: Ten-

nis: Grand Slam Cup from Munich; Rugby League: Regal Trophy; Cricket: World Series Cup: New Zeatend v England; Sking: World Cup: Racing: 12.50, 1.20

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Largneviers.
OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Priory v Ord
Enfield v Old Danes; Old Kingsburisars v C
Manning; Old Southalisans v Glyn; Boushgate Oly v Old Meadonisans; Latymer v
Cottl Service; Old Ignatisms v Crouch End
Vernps; Chertsey v Fusham Compton.
MEINLY WYNER LEAGUE: Pri
divisions Bingg v Ossett Ablon; North
Shields v Denaby; Thackley v
Spannymoor. League Cap: Second
round Belpar v Winiston Rengors.
NORTHEEN LEAGUE: In the Compton
Brandor v Conset; Durharir v Böllingham
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v South Bank (2007): Peterise v Fernytell
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v Gorieston; Greet Yarmouth v Newmarket: March Town v Wroxham;
Stowmarket v February; Watton v

RUGBY LEAGUE

LACROSSE

Hampstrad v Beckernen-Purley. BRINE MORTHESIN LEAGUE Fore G-vision: Cheadle v Salo; Medor v Old Hulmeians, Old Stopfordans v Sheffield Stoelens; Sheffield University v Stockport.

RUGBY UNION ADT divisional championship North v Midtends (at Headingley, South and South West v London (at Gloucester, 3.00).

South First division

SPORT ON TV

Stremmarket v Pelastione; Watton v Cocton.

BASS HORTH WEST COUNTIES LIAGUE First envision: Aberton LB v Citheroe Boods v Pixton; Colveyn Bay v Namwich: Derwen v Leyland DAF (2.00); Eastwood Hanley v Safford (2.00); Mane Road v Ashon Und (2.00); Prescott v Vauschall GM (2.00); Shallmensdale v St Helines (2.00).

ABACUS WESH LEAGUE National evision: Aberystwyth v Inter Cardif; Atan Lido v Ton Pentre: Bindgend v Ammarsford; Birton Ferry v Pembroke; Ferndale v Port Talbot; Haverfordwest v Cwmbran; Lianelli v Abergaverny; Maesteg v Brecon.

GREAT WILLS LEAGUE Premier division: Badelord v Chapperham: Bristol Manor Farm v Plymouth Angle: Europuth v Chard; Frome v Liskeard Amelia; Ottery St Mary v Torrington; Radstock v Tiverton; tvetton Rovers v Saltash; Weston super Mare v Bardstellans v Old Hadeyburlans; Old Vestophurans v Old Hadeyburlans; Old Vestophurans v Old Hestonans; Old Vestophurans v Old Wykehamsta v Old Alcenhamars. Present division: Citis Malvermans v Larcing Old Scys; Old Reptorvans v Old Salciplans; Old Architains v Old

Regal Trophy Quarter-final Wigan v Bradford (2.15).

Show jumping from Ohmpia. ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 14.00-15.00 and 19.30-23.30: NHL

MOBILE MOTOR SPORTS NEWS: Estaport 09:30-10.00. MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 19:00-19:30: Superblan.

MOTOR SPORT: 882 15.20-16.00 and POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:

Screensport 16,00-17 (0) RACING: BSB 13.30-14.00 and 23.30-midnight: Racing news.

mongre: Racing news.
RESULTS SERVICE: ITV 18.45-17.00.
SAINT AND GREAVSRE: ITV 13.10-13.40.
SKIING: Screenaport 12.00-13.00: Protour Eurosport 21.45-22.45 (see Eurosport Saturday): World Curc SNOOKER: ITV 15.05-18.45 and 23.05-00.30 world Materplay from Bremwood.
SPORTSDESK: BSB 09.30, 13.00. 18.00.
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TRIATHLON: Eurospert CS 00-08-30, VOLLEYBALL: Screensport 18.00-19.00;

YACHTING: Eurosport 19.00-19.15: BOC Round the World single handed race.

WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS SO

ADT county championship Lancashire v Warwickshire (st Waterloo, 2.15) N Midlands v Yorkshire (st Stour-bridge, 2.15)

Second division: Cumbria v Nottingham-shma and Lincolnshim (at Pendin, 200); Northumberland v Staffordshime (at Morpeth, 2.30). Third division: Cheshime v East Midlands (at Chester, 2.15); Durham v Lacastanthime (at Mond

Berkshire v Hertfordshire (at Abbey,

Second division: Devon v Hampshire (at Torquay, 2.30); Gloucessershire v Kent (at Lydney, 2.30). Third division: Dorset and Watshire v Somenset (at Sourremouth, 2.30); Eastern Countees v Surrey (at North Valsham, 2.15). Foroth division: Oxford-shire v Sussex (at Oxford, 2.15).

McEwan's Scottish district championship

Irish provincial chempionship Lemster v Munster (at Lansdowne Road, 2.30) Uister v Connacht (at Ravenhill, Uister V 2.30)..

Heineken Weish League Premier division Pontypridd v Llanell Swansea v Cardif... Schweppes Welsh Cup

Aberavon v RTB Ebbw Vale Abercam v Llandybie (2,30).

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AMERICAN POOTBALL ITY 03.00-04.00 and 20.00-21.30: College match, and National Football League. BASKETBALL: Eurosport 10.00-11.00:

European cup. BOXING: Screensport 05.00-10.30. BSB

15:30-17:00. CRICKET: Sky One 23:00 (Saturday) -07:15 and 23:00-midnight: World Series Curt. England v New Zeeland. CURT.ERG: Eurosport Midnight-01:00 (see Eurosport Sunday): European Championeline.

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23.50-00.50: Show jumping from Cympla.

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United States; Curting: European

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GCLF: Screensport 22,00-midnight; US
PGA.

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World was. INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 18:00-19.00. MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 17:00-

chempionships. FISHING: BSB 23.00-23.30.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Bridgend Spt v Pontarddulas (2.30)
Citynydd v Llantrisant (2.30)
Cross Keys v Mold
Ebbw Vale v Seven Sister
Felinfoel v Tredegar (2.30)
Kenfig Hill v Pencoed (2.30)
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Laugharne v Aberavon Chims (2.15)
Maesteg Cette v Penarth (2.30)
Mountain Ash v Sth Wales Poi (2.30)
Pontypool U v Blackwood (2.30)
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Tondu v Rhiwbina (2.30)
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Tonyrafail v Neeth Ath (2.30)

Club matches Askeans v US Portsmouth (2.30) Coventry v Gloucester... Durham v Morley (2.30)

Fylde v Boroughmuir (2.15) Glasgow HK v Edinburgh W Jed-Forest v Watsonians (2.0)... Leicester v Bristol iverpool St H v Stourbridge (2.45), Insh v Wasps (2.30) Scottish v Sheffield (2.30)..... Northampton v Harrogate... Plymouth A v Exeter (2.30). Rosslyn Pk v Richmond (2.30) ... Sale v Headingley (2.45) Saracens v Wakefield (2.15)

Stewarts Mel v Preston Lodge (2.00)..... (2.00)
Vale of Lune v Preston G (2.15)
W of Scotland v Tynedale (2.00) W of Scotland v Tynedale (2.00)

NATWEST COLTS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Lanceshire v Somerset
(at Tvinctenham, 2.00).

PROTUNCTAL MISURANCE CUP: Final
round: North division: Westerby v Shelfield Caks; Brastion's Salem v Old
Moorman. Misural division: Old
Warwicklams v Warter: Ashbourne v Old
Invitorianc New Park v Old Centrals.
South-Wast division: Bloester v
Brockworth: Huccacota Old Boys v
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Brothwit and Put.
SCOTLAND: U-21 district championship:
Anglo Scots v North and Midlands (at
Oxford). U-18 district championship:
South v North and Midlands (at Gala,
Netherdale): Glasgow v Ednburgh (Ayr.
Milbrael, Border Leegue: Langholm v
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Tyredale; Glasgow High/Kethrisde v Erintanth Wanderer; Glasgow Academi-cale v Heriots FP, Kimernock v Royal High: Stirling County v Portchello FP. Ayr High: Stirling County v Portchello FP. Ayr v Hillmand Jordanias Carma Cusans Patts v East Kilbride; Dabdel HSFP v 17.30: Superbikes, BSB 17.00-18.00: Mots cross. MOTORSPORT: Screensport 15:30-15:00 and midnight-00:30: Motor sport news and railycross. Screensport 02.00-General Conference of the Confe

Wayelders v Hittoots; Lenzie v Liemone; Whitocraige v Carrick; Mid Argyli v Invine; Birkmyni v Dumberton; Helensburgh v Vale of Laven; Seighclyde Police v St Moderns FP.

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SOUTH WEST: Gloucasser Capt Chekenhart - Ciriton. Chair watchest. Avoitmouth v Frampton Cotterell; Arettans v Frampton Cotterell; Arettans v Frampton Cotterell; Arettans v Stath CS; Bridgweter v Esher; Brinden v Bournemouth; Bagodin v Chipping Sodbury, Bristol Utd v Leicester Utd; Bristol Saracens v Dings Crusaders; Bridgwater v Esher; Bristol Telephones v Ashley Down; Broad Plain v 5W Gas; Castle Carry v Crewkerne; Cotham Park v Bi flamacionae; Cherd v Konitan, Crecular v Aller; Calfron Wanderers v Swindon; Devon and Comwell Police v Traro; Falmouth v Penzano and Newlyn; Gordano v Southmead; Hayle v Launesson; Imperial v Bristol Hartequine; Keynsham v Combe Down; Minchead v Mracombe; Morganians v Chew Valler; Medisham v Kingswood; Novequey Hornets v Wadenhoge; North Bristol V Midsomer Norton; Otel Bansham v God Bashamar v Tonguay Ast; Cid Solians v Weston Und; Old Bassilians + Frome; Old Blanshama v BAC; Old Redcifflans v Bach Spartane; Plymouth Abbon v Exeter; Redruch Abon v Blogan Park; St. Mary's Old Boys v Backwell; Swanage v Chichester; Tawistock v Seltash; Thornbury v Cleve; Taunton v Walsale; Taunton Urd v Brisham v Visindge; Yatton Utd v Cullempton.

NORTH: Calk Maschese; Astron-under-Lyne v Ruskin Park; Berverley v Sherborne: Wretenall v Berton Hei; Weslon super Mare v Berningham, Weilington
v hybridge; Yetton Utd v Cullongton.

NORTH: Chib Metches: Astron-underLyril v Ruskin Park; Beverley v
Hernsworth: BP Chemicals v Thornensains XV: Broughton Park v De la Sate
Old Boys (Salford): Buston v Marple;
Calder Valle v Camforth, Caldy v Wrexham, Crewe and Nantwich v Shrowsbury;
Danum Phoonix v Cleethorpes: Didsbury
Toc H v Heatt; Dunnington v Leeds CSSA:
Dutenfield v Manchester YMCA; East
Retford v Nortinghumans; Fleetwood v
Rossendale: Gorsop v Bowdon; Goole v
West Leeds: Hallar Vandals v Leodiemsians; Harworth v Ommington XV:
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Hulfensains; Harworth v Stocksbridge: KnortIngley v Pometract; Liverpool St Helens v
Stouthrodge; Mecclesteld v Old Sulains;
Mattby Old Boys v Meden Vale; Mathon
and Norton v Watt; Manchester v Southport; Marist v Wheatley Hills, Metrowick v
Blackpool; Mosborough v De la Sale Did
Boys (Sheffield); Newrix v Bernsley; New
Brighton v Rotherham; Newton-le-Willows
v Asputi, Northwich v Old Aldwirears; Old
Anselmains v Chester; Oldham v Warthojtor. Old Hymerlans v Cleckheston; Old
Rockfernans v Wallasey, Ossett v Phoenix Park; Pocklington XV v Withernsea;
Rochdale v Heatlon Moor; Scarborough v
York: Sedgley Park v Lymm;
Thomensians v Old Othensians; Tvidesley
v Bury; Upper Eden v Fytic XV; Whatby v
Northallerton; Willington V Astron on
Mersey; Wirral v West Park (St Helers).
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MIDLANDS: Carb matching Alconor v Schilbans; Atherstone v Burnewood: Aylestoniers v Northampton Heathers; Aylestoniers v James v West Leicester; Bakewell Mannerlans v Cheedie; Barbury v Broad Street; Berton and District v Adwick Le Street; Berton and District v Northampton OS; Bedworth v Lufon; Belger v Hubston; Bewdley v Bromyard; Belger v Hubston; Bewdley v Bromyard; Bengham v Stamlord College; Birm-ingham-Solhuli v Weston Super Merc; Boots Athletic v Keyworth; Bournelle v DO30-07.00 (Mordsy): Hong Kong krettslorset race and Franch season.

RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 18.25-20.15: Regal

Cup.

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 17.00-18.00:

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SROWD: BBC2 18.00-18.35: Sid Sunday.

Estrapport 27.00-22.00 (see Eurosport Sunday): Buction v Marple; Chesterfield v Sheffield Tigers; Chimnor v Dunstablishers; Ceverdon v Shorinery.

Corby v Kloworit: Covertor Post Office v Dunstablishers; Ceverdon v Shorinery.

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THAIR BOURING: Screensport 13.30-15.90.

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THAIR BOURING: Screensport 18.00-19.00:

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Teuriton Vale v Havant (Teuriton School,
2.00); East Grinsteed v Southgate
(Farington School, Horsham, 1.00).
MIDLANDS: Cade medicine: Enrignorth v
Tarmworth; Bromsgrove v Blossomfield:
Chaddesley Coroett v Shrmingtern
Municipal; Derwent v West Endigtord;
Drotwich v Pershare; Edgosston v Kinge
Heath; Evesham v Cheltennam; GCC
Rugby v Stratford; Hönon House v
Kettering: Lichfield v Cannock; Lord
Sutton Grantham; Northampton Sams v
Listchworth; North Stafford v Merket
Drayton; Reddisch v Wombourne; Rothernam v North Notts; Rugby v Hoffy Lane
Loras; Rugeley v Stafford; Bione v
Nuneaton; Streetly v Aldridge; Tenbury v
Ludlow; Walsall v Old Wulfrunians; Warwick v Old Halesonians; West Bromwich v
Kynoch; Wedresbury v Burion; Wolverhampton v Prokweck.
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Bath v Cerdiff; Bristol YMCA v Stroud;
Bridgwater v West Witshire; Clavedon v
Bristol; Cheltenham v Evesham; Cymben v
Frome; Imperial v Portishead; Long
Ashlon v Western super Mare; Newbort v
Crencester: Old Bristollans III v Robinsons; Shepton Mallert v Chard; Taumon II v Mid
Somerset: West Gloucester v Whitchurch;
Yatton v Westbury Banks; Yeovi v Yars.
TEPFEX YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Premior
division; huddersfeed v Brattord; Farsley
V Hallas; Chapetown v Harrogete; Shelfield Bankers v Gransby, Brigg v Lincoln;
Rothernam v Appleby Frodenham, Roses
v York; Adel v Driffield; York CS Trojans v
Bardsey.

v York; Adel v Dinfield; York CS Trojans v Bandoy;
NORTH: Club matches: Bowdon v Liverpool Sehon; Cheetham Hall v St Annes; Dessule Rumblers v Chester Cologe; Hightown-Northern v Formby; Knushard v Sale; Morecambe v Carisle; Morpeth v Sunderland; Oriton v Si Helens; Morpeth v Sunderland; Oriton v Si Helens; Preston v Brooklands; Redicar v Biltingham; 8t George s v Durham; Springhelds v Prescol, Swalvell v Stock-

ton; Tynedale v Darlington; Whiteheven South Steekle: Wilmstow v Miccologischi. BASKETBALL

COCA-COLA NATIONAL CUP (8.00 unless stated): Merc First round: Barnsley v Leicester: Checkina v Oldham; Derby v Sunderland (7.30); Fyties v Doncaster; Greanwich v London Docklands (7.30); Hamel Hempstead v Plymouth; Manchester v Bury; Solent v Chillent: Thames Valley v Goventry (7.30); Wattord v Broxbourne. Women: First resend: Camberley v Harlesden (4.45); Hemel Hempstead v Wirral (8.00).

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: Second division: Northampson v

NORWICH Union CUP: Finest: Durham v Murrayfield (at Wheley Bay, 2,00), HEIMEXEN AVY V Peterborough (7,00); Cardiff v Claveland (6,30); Notlingham v Frie (6,30); Solihuli v Whitley (7,00); Final dhistore Glasgow v Lee Verley (4,45); Slough v Brackmell (5,45); Swindon v Basningstoke (5,00); Teitord v Mechwey (7,30); Trafford v Humbersde (5,30).

PMSI ISH 1 FACILIES Suproduction in Management ENGLISH LEAGUE: Sunderland v Black

VOLLEVBALL ROYAL BANK MATIONAL LEAGUE: More First division: Aquida v Potone (7.30); Radio Trent Rockets v Histon Leeds (6.30); Morens: First division: Dynamo London v Hitton Leeds (1.30); Mizon Britanna v Wool-wich Briston Kinglins (6.30); Lakeland v Portsmouth (6.15); Sovereign Leasing Sale v GP Scorpsons (6.30).

OTKER SPORT ECUESTRIAN: Olympia show jumping championships (Olympia, London).

TOMORROW

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C Palace v Luton...... Leads Utd v Everton Second division Plymouth v Newcastie (12.0) Third division

Stoke v Brentford (2.0) .. Fourth division Scarborough v Stockport (2.0) .. LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City v St Partick's Athletic (2.15); Derry v Waterford (3.30); Dundalk v Limerick (3.30); Gehray v Stigo (2.15); Shamrock v Bohemians (2.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE REGAL TROPHY: Quarter-finale: Castelord v Rochdale; Warrangton v St Helens.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSNIP: First division: Hull v Oldham (2.15); Shefhelo v Leeds (3.15); Second division: Carticle v Leigh (2.00); Dewsbury v Workington (2.15); Dontaster v Fulham (3.30); Halifax v Chorley; Kespitey v Notingnam (3.15); Runcom v Bramley; Ryodiae-York v Hudom;Reid (3.15); Swinton v Hunslet; Whiteharvan v Settond (1.00).

HIDCKEY POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromiey v Old Loughtonians (Edonbridge SC, 1.30); Carnock v East Grinsboad (Four Crossos, 2.30); Indian Gymkhers v Hovarn (Fetharn School, 2.0); Isoa v Southqute (Ocery St Mary, 2.30); Slough v Hounslow (Brunet University, Uxoridge, 2.0); Si Abans v Stourport (Clarence Park, 1 45); Teddington v Welton (Teddington v School, Broom Road, 2.30); Walesield v Neston (Fastherston SC, 2.0); Second division; Brean v Trojans (Bristol University, 12.30); Cambridge City v Lyons (Coldham) Cambridge City v Lyons (Coldha Common, 2.15): Canterbury v Bourn (Polo Farm, 12.30): Doncaster v Guildi

(Grove SC, Newark, 2.0); Firebrands v Pichmond (Bristol University, 2.0); Gore Court v Taurton Vale (Hotly Bush Lane, Sevenoeks, 2.30); Reading v Harborne (Somling Lane, 12.30); Warrington v Broxbourne (Albert Paris, Selford, 1.30). Brossourne (Assert Perk, Senord, 1-20)-HRDLANDS: Club matches: Aldndge v Old Wulfminans; Blossomtield v Hampton; Bloxwich v Bndgnorth; Llenfield v Wolver-hampton; Old Sehitlans v Otton and West Warwicks: Spondon v Raleigh; Stone v Leek; Warwick v GEC Coventry.

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COCA-COLA NATIONAL CUP: (4.0 unless stated). Meer: First round: Britton v North London; Kritiess v Birmingham; Swindon v Worthing; Tellord v Middlestrough. Wemser: First round: Kirkless v Leicester (2.0); South Tynessice v Sunderland. CARLSECRG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Herrifith divisions: Sunderland v Themes valley (6.0). Women: Second division: Brotton v Rhondda (2.0); Ipswich v Crystel Palace; Sheffleid v London Jets (2.0).

ICE HOCKEY

MERNEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier
division: Cleveland v Solihuli (5.15);

Eurham v File (6.30); Mutrayfield v
Peterborough (6.30). First division: Medway v Sough (5.15); Romford v Humberside (5.15); Tration v Lee Vatey (5.30).

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Chelmsford v Sunderland (6.30); Harringey v Milton Keynes
(6.0); Richmond v Sheffield (5.30). ICE HOCKEY

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LACROSSE BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE First di-vision: Heaton Mersey v Old Waconiens. OTHER SPORT EQUESTRIANISM: Olympia show jumping crampionships (Olympia, London).

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Little Swedish town with big ideas The secret of

FIOM DAVID MILLER IN OSTERSUND, SWEDEN

THE International Olympic Committee is in a state of confusion, and this beautiful little northern Swedish city is at the centre of it. The cause is the success of recent Olympic Games, Now the members do not know which way to turn. Overwhelmed by the alterenemies than friends by their

Fifteen years ago there were Games were losing money. Today the money flows and there is an embarrassment of candidates. The people of lakeside Ostersund, the county town of Jamtland the best offer in modern

utes from the city centre. It is almost as though the city, with its modest population of 60,000 and centrally situated Olympic village, were designed for the job.

Five IOC members, from Russia, America, Venezuela, South Korea and Bulgaria. have been here this week, in one of Europe's last remaining natives for host cities, they are in danger of making more recognised that here is an almost perfect concept, defeated at the election which awarded the 1994 Game to too few candidates, and the Lillehammer, across the mountains in Norway, by the same tiny margin that rejected Mrs Thatcher on the first

The only problem for these province which is as large as five members, and their 90-Switzerland, are making the odd colleagues, is that in Olympic movement possibly Birmingham in June they the best offer in modern have to choose between winter sporting history: an Ostersund and what are said Olympic Games in 1998 at to be equally eligible bids from which spectators will which spectators will be able Sait Lake City and Nagano, to walk to every discipline, Japan. To which continent do except alpine, in 10-25 min- they turn?

It is an intolerable dilemma. and the IOC must quickly determine for the future a rotational system between continents - for example,

Europe-Asia-Europe-Americas for the winter games - that will avoid simultaneous selection on the basis of quality and geography. To elect Salt Lake in the wake of Atlanta would precipitate outraged allegations of American bias; yet Salt Lake, which I hope to visit next month, may genu-inely be as good as Ostersund. be better would be Gazing down on the city

from close by the bob-run on East Hill, out across Lake Brunflovike where in deepest winter 10,000 cars can be parked on 70 centimetres of ice, the view is as breathtaking as looking down on Rio from a magnificent site," Flor Isava-Fonseca, of Venezuela, the IOC's first woman vicepresident, said in admiration. In a moving speech following dinner with the bid com-

mittee, Vitaly Smirnov, who allegiance, and American country track than London has attended every Olympics since Rome in 1960, paid the tribute for which Ostersund, making the fifth bid for a first Games for Sweden, is hoping to receive from the rest of the membership. "Yours is a sporting nation which truly deserves the Games,"

Smirnov said. It is coincidentally relevant that at the Calgary Games, Europe provided 70 per cent of the competitors and won 75 per cent of the medals. Sweden lies sixth, behind the Soviet Union, Norway, the US, East Germany and Fin-

land, in the winter medals

table, yet the only Scandinawas Oslo in 1952. In the voting for 1994, Ostersund received 39 votes to Lillehammer's 45. When Anchorage was eliminated, 15 of their 21 votes went to Lillehammer for two alleged reasons: Norway belongs to

supporters were also rebelling at the election earlier the same day of a Swede rather than an American to the IOC executive board. On such periph- have a new ski-jump eral considerations is Olympic amphitheatre for 40,000. history forged.

The most frustrating foreign perception of the bid for Ostersund is that it is supposed to be a long way to Are, venue for the men's and women's Alpine World Cup finals this year. The truth is that the rail journey of 40 minutes is substantially less than the travelling time to alpine events and the winter games in Sarajevo and Calgary and a quarter what it will be from Albertville in just over a

Östersund, with an airport able to accommodate jumbo charters, offers the same social ambience and genuinely the proximity of venues which Lillehammer promised but cannot deliver. It has staged world championships in all Nato, whereas Sweden is per-versely seen by some as hav-ing "eastern" socialist disciplines, has more cross-

GOLF

Transport has underground rails, can accommodate 70.000 spectators within 90 minutes car ride, and will

Are is an alpine centre with supporting facilities - medical, accommodation, lifts for 5,000 people per hour -equivalent to the best in western Europe. The train stops a mere five minute walk from the downhill and slalom

Bo Victor, chairman of the bid, says with optimism: "Our concept is unchanged but improved from last time. We offer a hundred years' experience of organising major events and unparalleled proximity to venues for competitors and spectators. We stick to the rules and offer no incentives to the voters." Last time, Ostersund had 42 IOC visitors before the vote. This time they hope for 75 to have been here. That could be

watching in the wings

certain sports that makes their spectators want to dress as if they were not merely onlookers but also players of the game in question? Golf is the most obvious example of this phenomenon only the irreligious attend golf tournaments dressed in normal trousers - and rugby union is another.

Rugby matches pullulate with men who want to look like Will Carling, or, in an ideal world, Andy Ripley, and who wear either the thick cotton shirt with the white collar and three buttons down the sternum or the V-neck sweater with the words "Yard of Ale XV RFU" across the left pectoral; both of these always lurking beneath a rugged and chunky blouson jacket.

At all sporting events there are men whose hooded Puma jackets, Reeboks and Fred Perry shirts proclaim the importance of sport in their lives; but at a match one gets the feeling that the spectators would only have to wrench off an outer layer and they would be ready for action.

All sports disseminate different audience atmospheres: for example, the average football crowd is intent, aggressive, awe-struck yet stridently critical (criticism is a way of letting out some of the intensity); and a rugby league crowd is unquestioningly worshipful of the game while treating the players as personal friends or, of course,

But in golf or rugby union what is striking is that there seems to be an umbroken line of contact between all levels of players: the atmosphere is therefore sympathetic, smilingly rue-ful, clubby, full of both social and sporting under-standing. It says: "You are far better than we are at what you do, and we admire and respect you for it, but we know how you feel when you must that pass/putt because, high or low, it happens to us all."

omen get just as obsessed about playing golf as do men and therefore they, too, attend tournaments with the same attitude; but with rugby union the sizeable number of players in an the atmosphere very male.

At union games you hear women chipping in the occasional: "That was good! . wasn't it?" But the men literally cold-shoulder these comments by blandly shifting a bulky blouson epaulette towards the woman's mouth in order to muffle all sound therefrom.

Rugby players often have silent girlfriends who will leave them alone when they are talking about rugby. These women stand at one end of the club bar, drinking spritzers, waiting. They complain afterwards about the fact that they were ignored for several hours,

I know all about trying to get in with rugby players. During my last year at university, a member of my college was picked to play in the University match. At that time my brother was playing in the first team of a rather up-market club and I assumed that this gave me

LAURA THOMPSON

blue and that it would be a fine idea to impart to him the tale of my brother's successes: this metaphorical attempt to stay with the men while the port was passed and the cigars were cut was met with distant and slightly bored

I never even managed to get asked to a University match when I was at university, probably because people knew that, given a semi-legitimate excuse, l would start telling them about the time that I talked to Roger Utiley on the telephone.

ut last Tuesday, fi-B nally, I did go: feeling a certain nostalgia, a certain maturity, a certain sadness that the years when I had really minded about the result had been spent screaming in front of a television screen and that now I was finally here I was too grown-up to care.

Indeed, I did manage to be cool for about three minutes before sliding steadily down the slope towards extreme partiality which culminated in the unabashed clenched fist salute that I learned from watching Cliff Richard sing Power to all our Friends in the 1973 Eurovision song

The University match is an Event. The typical rugby match atmosphere is dis cernible in pockets of the crowd: blousoned segments who know what is what who sing the national anthem (the man next to me in fact sang the descant) and who after the game stood with serious faces and explained to one another where Cambridge went

But a considerable number of those attending are there for the Event, like the Oxbridge boys in jeans and long coats who do the "John-Wayne-walkingdown-the-King's-Road' swagger, while their women yelp along behind them; drunk on two cans of Stella Artois, the boys stumble into their seats, backs turned towards the pitch, ten minutes after the game has actually started.

But it is when the crowd wave that you really know that people are more engaged with the idea of themselves attending an Event than with the event itself. If the sport gets slightly boring, draw attention to yourselves; if it gets interesting again, continue to draw attention to yourselves.

Round and round went the Mexican wave, each time catching unawares an embarrassed but sporting man in front of me who eventually adopted an allpurpose crouch, like someone desperately keen, but not quite courageous enough, to dance at a party. Clearly he did not have the Event mentality: nor, despite the fact that he was wearing a chunky blouson. did he have the rugby union mentality. I know this to be so because when his female companion asked him why a penalty had been awarded, he did not pretend an affinity with the rugby deafness: he answered her.

ICE HOCKEY

Explosive Durham in form to regain trophy

By Norman de Mesquita

A first period fight deprived

On present form, the Wasps

and cup games and their success has been based on explosive attack combined with efficient Only three times this season have they conceded more than six goals, an impressive statistic

in a high-scoring competition. The return of Stephen Cooper after two years in Cardiff and the complete recovery of Mike O'Connor, who missed last season with an Achilles tendon injury, has tightened the de-fence, and they are backed by Chris Salem, who has emerged

Add to that the continued

after injury of their other import is hard to see the Wasps failing

to win.
The Racers, of course, will this country's outstanding na-tive-born-and-bred player. Tony Hand. Once again, he is the leading British scorer in the premier division and he is also his club's leading scorer.

Jim Mollard is Murrayfield's

principal import, but neither he nor Brian Collinson can match the explosiveness of Brebant. As at Durham, there is a wealth of British talent and Scott Neil is always a dangerous

opponent, but the Racers cannot match Durham's consistency and have lost four times in their last ten premier division games. They do have a highly experienced goaltending duo in Mar-tin McKay and Moray Hanson, who share the duties. Which one plays in the final will be a late

ful coach, Archie Henderson. The final has all the ingredients for an intriguing contest and the only disappointment is that it has been ignored by television. One would have thought that the BBC would have built on the wonderful publicity the sport gained at

CRICKET

Inclusion of Morris must be mark of selectors' courage

From Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT BRISBANE

ONLY a few weeks ago, if pushed to give a reason why England might confound the odds against them on this tour, most observers would have nominated the settled, stylish look of the top five batsmen. Time has made a fool of the idea and there is now no area of their game which concerns England

As the tour approaches its decisive stage over the Christmas and New Year holidays, England are no longer sure of their best top two, let alone five. It has plagued them throughout the early stages of the World Series competition, in which they have used three different opening pairs in four games, and it is no nearer a solution with the second Test less than a fortnight hence.

Gooch, Atherton, Gower, Lamb and Smith was the natural, acknowledged order when the tour began. Then Gooch lost fitness, and with it dropped; Gower was injured. before he could be dropped. Lamb and Smith remain, but without being in any sense

convincing.
When the players flew into a steamily humid Brisbane yesterday, their attention was ostensibly focused on the weekend's two World Series games, against New Zealand today and Australia tomorrow. In reality, the Melbourne Test is already the priority, especially since the win in Sydney on Thursday night which relaxed the risk of demeaning elimination from

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the one-day competition. Needing to win only one of their four remaining World Series games in order to meet Australia in the finals next

Dutch expose

the English

weaknesses

From a Correspondent

IN SAN SEBASTIAN

THE Netherlands displayed all the hallmarks of world cham-pions with a quality second-half display to overwhelm England

3-1 in the opening match of the

Four Nations women's tour-

Despite conceding a goal to Jane Sixsmith after seven min-utes, the Dutch maintained their

composure and after making a

tactical switch during the interval, they took the game to the English who uncharacteristically crambled and fell into

complete disarray.
Sue Slocombe, England's coach, admitted that it had been a poor performance considering

England's early control. "We couldn't cope with the pressure

which is why the passing was so inaccurate and the marking

almost non-existent," she said.

have enough top-class match practice at this level; then when

the going gets tough the first

thing to go is concentration. I think it's important to point out

that the Dutch have been to-

gether every weekend since October. Our squad had a practise on Wednesday

"Our players simply don't

nament here yesterday.

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month, England will sensibly be thinking ahead and contemplating some delicate selection matters.

Atherton was harshly omitted from the one-day team after an innings which was by no means electrifying but fulfilled the anchor role essential in a limited-overs game. England have fired no better without him and, with the Test in mind, he should be restored to duty immediately. Gower had a full net yes-

terday for the first time since injuring his thumb in Canberra. It is probably not so much a question of if he is to win back his place but where, and this begs a question about the position of Hugh Morris.

forgotten, Morris has been on teams play overseas. tour almost three weeks since Gooch. He has played only

But England are not playing well enough to endorse that; Morris has something to offer, and the management now concedes that his inclusion in the Test team ahead of an originally selected player should not be ruled out.

The man at risk is Larkins, who has at no stage resembled a Test opener and now has little time left for the persuasion. It would take brave the second eleven.

selectors, but good selectors, to give Morris his chance this week and, if the move worked, it would release Atherton to hat at three and Gower at six, a far more comfortable order than of late.

What is most important at this stage is that England are not, as has happened so often before, over-influenced by the mreliable evidence of oneday games when selecting for the serious business.

Australia, already adept at keeping the two games care-fully compartmentalised, will use Steve Waugh at No. 4 tomorrow, as a measure of confidence rather than concern. Allan Border will drop down to aix, having yesterday played a somewhat eccentric preparation game in up-country Queensland and been dismissed for six by a cotton

Service. Tomorrow's same will be watched by a capacity 20,000 crowd, the behaviour of which will be under scrutiny following the brawling in Sydney on Thursday. Twelve arrests were made and British tourists were blamed, a sadly familiar story For those who might have whenever English sporting

Australia's cricket authoribeing called out as a cover for ties and their publicists, meanwhile, face an anomaly of their two innings, scoring 33 and own making. They have the 50, and if the terms of his attractive finals they wanted, recruitment are taken literally, always assuming England do he might as well go home not lose every remaining game, but through scheduling New Zealand to complete their matches early, there is now the prospect of three games between England and Australia which mean virtually nothing, leading up to three more which do. Public reaction will be fascinating. Graham Gooch has been reappointed captain of Essex for next season. Keith Pletcher will again captain and coach

that performance despite the absence of Kerly and Clarke, both unavailable, have found

new strength in the Australian, Chris Love, a short corner specialist and the South African, Gary Boddington, in midfield, Feltham School will be the

centre of attraction tomorrow when Havant and Indian Gym-

when Havant and Indian Gyn-khana, the only two unbeaten sides in the Poundstretcher National League first division, face each other. Gymkhana, going from strength to strength, will again be without the injured Bansal, who is replaced by Parmi Soor at right half. Other clubs in the running for honours will be severely tested, with

will be severely tested, with Housslow, the champions, visiting Slough at Uxbridge and St Albans taking on Stomport at Charence Park. Southgate are

HOCKEY

Cooper expects to be fit to make return

Southgate, hoping to repeat

COLIN Cooper, whose ankle injury kept him out of Havast's match last Sunday expects to be back in the forward line for the club's cup and league commitments this weekend.

David Faulkner, the Havant contains will see to the contains the c

captain, will revert to the rear-guard having played at inside left last weekend. "I should be somewhere in the back four whether Colin plays or not. He will have a final x-ray examinawill have a man x-ray examina-tion but I think he should be all right," Faulkner said yesterday. The last two places in the fourth round of the Nationwide Anglia Cup will be filled after today's matches in which Havant will be away at Taumon Vale and East Grinstead at home to

Southgate at Horsham.
Havant can expect to beat
Taunton Vale, who are struggling at the bottom of the other game will have a stronger element of challenge, with East Grinstead seeking to avenge the 1-0 league defeat by Southgate in October.

The post of the stronger and easy ride against less at Ottery St Mary. Cambridge City, who have not yet lost a match, seem likely to stay at the top of the second division after playing Lyans.

Early trial of strength

TWO international indoor matches between England and Australia at Dulwich College on February 2 and 3 will provide an early trial of strength for both sides in preparation for the World Masters tournament in Glasgow, from February 8 to 10 (Sydney Friskin writes). These games will also be

useful exercises for England in view of the sixth European indoor championship at Birmingham. England's first match is against Poland on February 22 and their other opponents in pool B are Austria, later on the same day, and France the following day.

Scotland, who are in pool A, play Spain and Switzerland on the first day and Germany, the

holders, on the second day. St Albans will open proceedings in the second European indoor club championship at Limburg, Germany, on January 4 with the match against the Dutch club, Hattemse, going on to play the Scottish champions, Ruthresian Pleans, on the same day in pool B and the Polish mpions. Pomorzanin, on the following day. Amiens (France), Rot Weiss Cologne (Germany), S P Valdeluz (Spain) and Limburger (Germany) make up

Faldo spreadeagles the field Canada, kept themselves in contention with rounds of 68 for

Gentle persuader: Faldo ceaxes in another birdie putt in his record round of 62

lead after three rounds of the Johnnie Walker Axim Camic

here yesterday.

The British Open champion had seven birdies and an eagle in his nine-under-par round, which was four strokes better than the previous record for the amended 6,732yd Fanling course, set by Anders Forsbrand on the previous day.
Faldo is three strokes clear of

Ronan Rafferty, who recovered from a six at the par-four opening hole to record his second successive 69. Faldo, who had trouble on the tricky greens during the first two rounds, said afterwards: "What a difference a holed putt makes.

HONG Kong (Reuter) — Nick Faldo equalled his best tournament score with a course-record 62 as he surged into the the 1983 Lawrence Battey Inter-the 1985 Envences and the 1985 E in European tournaments — at the 1983 Lawrence Safley Inter-national, the 1986 European Open and the 1988 Spanish

Open.
"I have hit the the ball better
"I have hit the the ball better "I have hit the the ball better than I did today," Faldo said. "It was not the best golf I've played. But it is always good to shoot a low round." Faldo was particularly devastating around the turn and had with birdies at the 8th, 9th and 10th. His cagle three came at the 12th where he

Rafferty made up for his double bogey with five birdies to keep Faldo in his sights. "I was happy the way I kept my round

LEADRIG THIRDO BROWNED SCORES: 282: N Paido (G2), 72, 68, 62, 286: R Rafferty (G2), 67, 69, 69, 200: C Montigomente (G2), 68, 69, 69, 200: C Montigomente (G2), 69, 70, 69, R Double (Carl), 70, 69, 69, 69, 100 Woossnam (G3), 69, 68, 70, 70, FG G60: GC Gant, 68, 69, 72; M Clayton (Aus), 72, 70, 68, 200: L Porter (US), 69, 70, 70, 270: M Ramayarir (Maid, 72, 70, 50; P Teravalinear (US), 71, 69, 70; C Parry (US), 69, 73, 69. together," Rafferty said. "I will need to shoot a 65 to catch Nick." Colin Montgomerie, of Scot-

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FOR THE RECORD

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IGIALA LUMPUR: Five Continent Cup: Africa 2, Americas 1. ICE HOCKEY MATTOMAL LEAGUE (Mill.): Boston Bruins 8, Harriorg Westers 2: Detroit Red Wileys 5, Custoe Herricous 2: Philotophia Ryels 2, New York: Islanders 2 (07): Philotophia Pyels 2, Parquins 9, New Jersey Devils 5; Chicago Back Hayles 5, Winnipey Jate 4; Chicago Blues 4, Minnacots North Stars 2, Calipsy Flattes 4, Los Associate Ribres 1.

RUGBY UNION

HOCKEY

totals of 206, four off the pace, but Ian Woomani's 70 test him five shots behind Faldo after he

Woosnam, who shares fifth place with the American, Todd

Hamilton, dropped two strokes at the third hole and one at the

"I couldn't get it together today," said Woosnam. "But it's

not impossible to catch Faldo. have had low scores before."

COUNTY MATCH: Tipp-Ex Champion Builds 4, Event 19. ZZRBATT, Bultzndand: World Cup from the meditop blact 1, L. Spirm (US), 28, 25 oc. 2, H. Beumgartiner (Switz), 26, 45; 3, A. Weiss (Go.), 20, 30; 40; 20, A. Weiss (Go.), 20, 30; 40; 20, 40; 21, 50; 2, J. Bucher (US), 24, 75; 3, A. Magnusson (Swej, 21,50.

DURHAM Wasps and Murrayfield Racers meet this afternoon at Whitley Bay in the final of the Norwich Union Cup. It is a repeat of last year's final, but there will be high hopes that it is a better afternoon's enter-tainment than we saw a year ago in Basinestoke.

the game of two of its best players and a nightmare perfor-mance by the Durham defence and goaltender saw the Racers win a disappointingly one-sided

are favourites to reverse that defeat and win the Cup for the third time in four years. They have lost only twice in 24 league

as one of the country's better goaltenders.

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English raiders face stiff task

From Graham Rock in Hong Kong

LANDYAP and Pelorus, repre- best form is at a mile. His

senting England for the first time in the Hong Kong Invita-

tion Cup, face stern opposition at Sha Tin tomorrow when the New Zealand-trained Kessem

should start a warm favourite.

David Elsworth will fit blink-

ers for the first time on Landyap, ridden by Tony Ives.

and the combination should fare

better than Pelorus and Brian Rouse in this well-contested

race worth £100,000 to the

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by Dermot Weld, in Ireland.

Heinzer emerges from the shadows

From Brian James VAL GARDENA

OUT from the dark shadow of the Sassolungo, a soaring yellow tooth of rock which brave men climb by their fingertips, Franz Heinzer, of Switzer-land, flew on the very edges of his skiing yesterday to win the second downhill of this World Cup season. It was a victory many had predicted, and for which a sovereigns's escort of Swiss cow-bell ringers had invaded Italy at daybreak.

The Sassolungo, traditionally a dramatic backcloth, was yesterday to play a role. Once the race had been given an unusually late start time, 12.45pm, and then delayed a further 15 minutes after one of the outsiders sent down to set the course had fallen, there was no chance that the race could be run in sunshine. And it is the sun, warming the unshadowed piste, which explains the number of latestarting runners who have often sprinted surprisingly into the event's history.

Not so yesterday. Nobodies were nowhere, the unfancied went unseen. Behind Heinzer, a 28-year-old with four World Cup downhills brightening his long record, came Berni Huber. The German's lowly 24th place in the running order is explained by a serious operation on a wrecked knee: he too has past form that includes seven finishes among World Cup points.

If the shade from that meameric hill played some role, there are skiers who helieve that it is the disappearance of another shadow, that of the just-retired Pirmin Zurbriggen, that is crucial in the emergence of Franz Heinzer, Graham Bell, of Britain, is among them.

Franz is a brilliant skier. And was. But while Zurbriggen was about, the Swiss couldn't see beyond him. Now they are all around Heinzer, and I think you see what this is doing for him,"

fastest downhill. I expect to excel this season. I have changed my attitude, I am more ambitious. More determined. Too often I have missed medals."

Then he went off to troop his huge grin along the ranks of his uniformed fan club. hanging over the fence with their nationalistic banners.

None of this, however, prevented the corner of Italian soil that held the largest number of smiles per metre being that part of the racers' enclosure colonised by the Norwegians. Until Heinzer, looking in his yellow-andscarlet costume like a plate of high-velocity plums and custard, had arrived, Atle Skaardal, held first place. He was to finish third, with another of Norway's blond shock-troops, Lasse Arnesen, fourth, a best placing for him.

The belief among this team is towering. Without for a second sounding brash, Arnesen, a civil engineering student from Oslo, aged 25, spoke of "the boom" in alpine skiing which now dominates much Norwegian sport.

"Everything is good and going better. We have such a great mood in training, we push each other. When I was first in practice the other day that meant I was for that day the best in the world. That is marvellous to think of," he

Told that Norway's coach had said that five of his seven skiers were capable of a World Cup victory, Arnesen, thought hard, and agreed. Was be one? On the day I am 100 per cent, yes. Today I was about 98."
"Today," Skaardal said, "the course was perfect. But

from me there is more to come. Maybe tomorrow?." That is literally true. For this race was something of an oddity, accepted by Val Gar-dena when the first-choice venue, in Argentina, had to withdraw. So this corner of Heinzer said: "Last year I Italy gets another race — that was second here, behind awarded it originally — today,

to show I am still able to be same test, with some hoping for different weather.

> A few degress shift of temperature could be vital, for there is so little to choose between them. One second covers the finish-time of the best 12, two seconds stretches from Heinzer to his fellow-Swiss, Fahner, in 27th place.

So Graham Bell was not just demonstrating a Briton's sup-posed national preoccupation when he murmured: "Let it warm up. Please, please." It is all about skis. The Austrian firm, Fischer, supply the Bell brothers with their skis. But they also supply many of the leading national teams; not necessarily with the same equipment, no matter what it says on the logo.

This is a tricky area, for no team dares to bite the hands that have shod them. But Graham Bell said: "Look around the finish enclosure, Half the best men are on Fischer skis. That is because they are good. But there are only a finite number of the best. The Canadians are unhappy. They are using twoyear-old skis."

"I skied well, and I am sick about my time. Three seconds off. That's rubbish. Today I saw the sun, so I was on the warm-snow skis I did well with at Cortina and Are last year. It did not work out, so now it's back to the drawing

MESILTS: 1. F Heinzer (Switz), 2min 00.21m;; 2. E Huber (Gar) 200.57; 3. A Sicaerdal (Nor), 200.54; 4. L Arnesen (Nor), 200.73; 5. D Manner (Switz), 200.80; 6. H Zehentner (Gar), 200.87; equal 7. N Henning (Swe) and R Boyd (Can), 201.00; 9. K Chedins (t), 201.09; 10. W Beese (Switz), 201.10. British plusings caus 5. G Ball, 200.22; 40. R Duncan, 203.24; 53. M Bell, 204.80, Ladage caus 5. G Ball, 201.22; 40. R Duncan, 203.24; 53. M Bell, 204.80, Ladage caus 5. C Ball, 201.22; 40. R Duncan, 203.24; 53. M Bell, 204.80, Ladage caus 5. C Ball, 201.87; 11. Coveral positions (after size svents); 1, Heinzer, 65; 2, Tomba (t), 47; 9, F Piccard (Fr), 42; 4. O C Furnseth (Nor), 30; 5, P Roth (Ger, 34; 8, L Kiss (Nor), 33; 5, P Roth (Ger, 34; 8, L Kiss (Nor), 33; 5, P MEIRINGEN, Switzenburd: Organisara



Snow wonder: Heinzer on his way to triumph in yesterday's World Cup downhill

Cyclist's tour de force

By JOHN GOODBODY

MOST sports autobiographies are by celebrated figures. They rely more on the name of the individual to attract sales than any insights the books could provide. It is rare for a sportswriter, to have the courage, as Arthur Millar, the American playwright, said, to let himself

An exception is A Rough Ride, voted the William Hill sports book of 1990, which discloses the uncertainties of a professional cyclist. Its author, Paul Kinnage, now a journalist, depicts the tensions of racing ou the Continent, particularly in

the Tour de France.

If you think it is tough at the top of cycling, it is clearly even tougher at the bottom. The arduous world of professional riding day in and day out, with all its jealousies and uncertainties, makes this book a useful

record of sporting reportage.

Denis Howell has also been subjected to pressures. Howell ever, what emerges from his autobiography is a man immersed in both sport and politics, and particularly sporting politics. Of the ministers for sport Britain has had over the last 26 years only Colin Moyni-han, an Olympic competitor, and Howell, a football referee, have experienced top-class sport from the inside.
Howell consolidated the post.

for a minister but clearly regrets that it never had the status and responsibilities of government ministers in other departments. The opposing view is put in the book by John Coghian who, as a former deputy director of the Sports Council, understandably argues against direct government countrol.

Richard Holt, a university

massive contribution to the with his volume Sport And The with his volume Sport And The British: A Modern History, published in 1989. This year he has edited a book of essays of an unusual range. Perhaps the most intriguing is the chapter on Welsh boxers, depicting the impact of men like Jimmy Wilde and Tommy Farr on the mining community.

mining community.

A Rough Ride, Paul Kimmage
(Stanley Paul, £12.95); Made In
Birmingham, Denis Howell
(MacDonald-Queen Anne
Press, £14.95); Sport And British
Politics Since 1960 John Politics Since 1960, John Coghlan with Ida Webb (Falmer Press, £12.95); Sport And The Working Class in Modern Britain, edited by Richard Holt (Manchester University Press,

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History of British Isles tours A rear-view look a valuable reference work

lite year in rugby union was rescued by the Lions. Not that the British Isles toured in 1990, but John Griffiths, whose love affair with the game's history knows few boundaries, followed his comprehensive volume on international rugby records with British Lions, a chronicle of combined British touring sides from 1888 to 1989.

Griffiths, statistician to the invaluable Rothmans Rugby Yearbook, follows a similar formula to his earlier work but permits himself greater scope for writing. He sketches the detail of the pre-first world war touring sides, but the first party to tour as the Lions was that of 1930 to New Zealand and Australia, when the players wore blue jerseys with a crest of three gold lions, and distributed gold-

The brooches still exist but the jerseys changed to red in 1938 - to avoid a clash with the all black of New Zealand. The Lions developed a reputation during the 1950s as the most attractive of touring teams and Griffiths charts, decade by de-cade, the peaks and troughs of the post-war Lions, offering anecdotal pen portraits of all anecdotal pen portraits of all those who played in more than one international match. The youthful faces of such players as Cliff Morgan and Tony O'Reilly, who have gone on to find fame in other fields, stare out of the splendidly-illustrated pages of a book certain to become a major work of reference.

Indeed, British Lions could usefully be conned in conjunction with 60 Years of the Lions, Who's Who for 1990-91 by Alex

In Robertson (Macdonaid Queen Anne Press, £9.99); Scotland's Grand Slam 1990 by Ian McGechan, David Sole and Gavin Hastings with Ian Robertson (Macdonaid Queen Anne Press, £9.99); Scotland's Grand Slam 1990 by Ian McGechan, David Sole and Gavin Hastings with Ian Robertson (Macdonaid Queen Anne Press, £9.99); Scotland's Grand Slam 1990 by Ian McGechan, David Sole and Gavin Hastings with Ian Robertson (Macdonaid Queen Anne Press, £9.99); Rughy Shorts by Chris Rhys (Guinness won 23-22.

A most welcome newcomer to the lists is The Rughy Union Who's Who for 1990-91 by Alex

Spink. The sponsors, Seve and Prosper, hope it will be the first of an annual edition which

profiles all those who have represented the home unions, not only in five nations'

matches but at B, under-25 and

Ackford's most embarrassing rugby memory: losing pos-session to Rob Andrew during mauling practice) and to express

mauling practice) and to express tolerably strong opinions on how they believe the game could be improved, many of which revolve around better administration. Craig Chalmers, Scotland's stand-off half, is clearly not among the radicals however:

"Don't change a successful rec-ipe," he says, making a point which sometimes seems to be

Publications in 1990 include:

Publications in 1990 include: British Lions by John Griffiths (The Crowood Press, £17.95); Rugby Characters by John Ireland and Cliff Morgan (Stanley Paul, £17.95); The Rugby Union Who's Who for 1990-91 by Alex Spink (Collins Willow, £8.95); The Whithread Rugby World '91 by Nigel Starmer-Smith and Ian Robertson (Macdonald Oueen Anne Press, £9.99). Scot.

SPORTS BOOKS It enables the players them-selves to contribute (Paul

OF THE YEAR

What are the best sports books of 1990? Specialist writers for The Times give their verdicts.

the BBC video, and Rugby Characters. Morgan is involved in both the video and the coffeetable book, taking the viewer through, primarily, the last dozen tours, and giving the reader a hint of the character of a clutch of his favourite players, with caricatures drawn by John

The video, grainy though much of the footage is, indicates how so many British players blossomed in tour conditions, particularly those of South Africa's firm grounds. The 1955 tour, shared 2-2 with the Springboks, shows the deft skills of Jeff Butterfield, the England centre

Memorable but never everyone's favourite By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

JOHN McEnroe has divided made his dispatches for The opinions since he first came to prominence by reaching the Wimbledon semi-finals as a Evans claims to have seen

stands in assessing the tempescompany elsewhere, I have avoided his matches whenever it was professionally reasonable

players - McEnroe would not have been included at all. Bellamy is certainly more during his career. Perhaps they comfortable with his favourites, will be saved for another Great clay-courters like Manuel edition. Santana, talented eccentrics like Miloslav Mecir and Adriano Panatta. He admires the stern professionalism of Chris Evert and the artistry of Evonne Goolagong All are described with the easy, unhurried, uniquely descriptive style which

more of McEnroe's matches than any man alive. He has also

qualifier in 1977. Read ever, can be have divided such distinguished opinions as those of Rex Bellamy and Richard Evans, neither of whom will need any introduction to readers of The Times.

Thirty (Simon and Taming the Talent (Bloomstand understand the character of the man. His shyness, his energy, his warmth, his charm, his temper. The fruits of his labours can be found in McEnroe. Taming the Talent (Bloomstand understand the Character of the man. His shyness, his energy, his warmth, his charm, his temper. The fruits of his labours can be found in McEnroe. Schuster, £14.95), a series of Taming the Talent (Bloomselegantly crafted essays on the
30 most memorable players of
his 30 years as a tennis correspondent, Bellamy leaves no
doubt which side of the line he
doubt which side of the line he times too forgiving, at times too tuous American. The second defensive but always absorbing sentence of his portrait of there is forthright material from wife Tatum, an explanation of the extraordinary outburst which led to his default from the Australian Open last been adhered to — namely, the selection of his 30 "favourite" players — McEnroe second and provided about McEnroe's compared to the selection of his 30 "favourite" players — McEnroe second and provided about McEnroe's compared to the selection of his 30 "favourite" players — McEnroe second and provided the selection of his 30 "favourite" players — McEnroe second and provided the second a play, nor about his view of the way the game has changed

> This year's Official Wimbledon Annual (the All England Chib, £14.95) is only the second in colour. An excellent record of the championships, the photography is breathtaking and, in these midwinter days, heart-

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at motor racing By JOHN BLUNSDEN MAYBE it is because the Forheard about Ferrari, Lotus, and

mula One motor racing world championship has just celebrated its fortieth anniversary and 500th race, but there is a distinctly nosteletic flavour about several of the recent

Power and Glory (Patrick Stephens, £55), for example, is a thorough, if expensive, recollec-tion by William Court of the grand prix scene between 1952 and 1973, embracing the years of Fangio, Hawthorn, Moss, Clark, and Stewart. Written in an eloquent style and laced with the sort of pertinent observation which characterised his earlier volume covering 1906 to 1951, the author's words have been enhanced by a wide selection of evocative pictures, albeit all of them black and white and sadly not always reproduced to the standard that a book of this

quality deserves. The Complete History of Grand Prix Motor Racing, which has been supported by Camel (Motor Racing Publications, £29.95) is a prodigious effort by Adriano Cimarosti for which he has just been awarded the Montagu Trophy by the Guild of Motoring Writers. Every race from 1894 to the end of the 1989 season is recalled, the cars, drivers, and circuits the cars, drivers, and circuits being discussed against an ever changing technical, sporting, and political background, Nearly 1,200 pictures, line drawings, antographs of drivers and leading personalities and tables of technical data contribute to the book's comprehensiveness.

McLaren, but how about Freiss, Loweno, and McGuire? These are just three of over 500 manufacturers of single-seater racing cars whose products are identified and written about in The A-Z Of Formula Racing Core Flory View Books 524.09. by David Hodges and Mike Lawrence. Necessarily confined in the main to Formulas One, Two, Three, 3000, and Junior, this is fascinating stuff, whether your interest lies in the 40 or more Ferraris described, the forgotten makes of yesteryear, or perhaps some of those previously unknown cars from Eastern Europe.

Nor is every name mentioned by Gerald Donaldson in his Grand Prix People (Motor Rac-ing Publications, £19.95) likely to be familiar to his readers. His task has been to introduce 110 key members of the 3,000key members of the 3,000-strong contingent who work at the heart of grand prix racing, many of whom have been hidden from the spotlight but whose contribution to the smooth running of Formula One is vital. Team managers to tyre boffins, commentators to caterers, they all have their say, along with a sprinkling of stars and the driving force behind and the driving force behind them all, Bernard Ecclestone, who concludes with the wry comment: "They're all a bit mad!" And perhaps he's right.

Finally, after offering what I trust will be accepted as honest and objective comment on the above-mentioned books, I think it only fair to declare an interest in those titles which appear under the MRP imprint.

Everyone, surely, must have Their story is an Open book

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

when, with his successive de-fence of the Masters at Augusta National last April, he became the first golfer to win a major championship with a woman as a caddie. In How We Won the Open - The Caddies' Stories (Anaya, £14.95), Fanny Sun-esson reveals to Norman Dabell, the author, how she composed herself for the play-off against Raymond Floyd.

"I was never nervous on the course but when we finished the [final] round I was shaking," she said. "Ray was still out on the course and I was so nervous I could nearly not stand up. When I know there were a playoff I knew there was a play-off, though, my nerves went as soon as I went back out on to the course. I got on with the job

So did Faldo, of course, as he overcame Floyd and he praised Sunesson, as he did three months later when he won the Open Championship at St Andrews, and acknowledged the importance of having a good

Temperament compatability determines the longevity of a partnership, as emphasised by Dave Musgrove. He won the Open with Severiano Ballesteros in 1979 before linking with Sandy Lyle, to whom he has remained loyal. Musgrove explains in the book Musgrove explains in the book his foreword to *The Golf Swing* the difference between by David Leadbetter with John Ballesteros and Lyle. "The night Huggan (Willow Books, £12.95)

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NICK Faldo created history when, with his successive defence of the Masters at Augusta dinner with his apron on cleanhe says: "Five years ago, a lot of ing up. Seve followed his by vanishing on another crusade, to beat another army, and save The story of how ten caddies

he story or now ten cannes helped employers like Ballesteros and Faldo, Greg Norman and Lyle, Arnold Palmer and Lee Trevino, to win the Open is told in "How we won the Open", with Willie Aitchison revealing how Trevino pressed home his Trevino pressed bome his advantage at Muirfield in 1972 after the dramatic 17th hole where he chipped in and Tony Jacklin took three putts.

"What followed that was the only bit of gamesmanship you could accuse Lee Trevino of He pulled me to a halt and said, Willie, stand here for a minute. Let Tony go to the tee first. He'll be thinking about the bogey he's just made. Then you follow me and hit me with the driver and drop away quickly because I'm going to hit it so fast he won't know where the ball is until it's down the fairway.' That's ex-actly what he did, which wasn't illegal. He was going to win and that was that. Jacklin choked again at the last."

It was not a vintage year for golf books, although it was a vintage year for Faldo. Yet in

people felt that I was a pretty good golfer. Even more thought that, because of my smooth tempo, my swing was tech-nically sound. Unfortunately, however, I did not share their enthusiaem. In fact their enthusiasm. In fact, the inad-equacies I could feel in my action were making me dis-tinctly unhappy."

Faldo, of course, remodelled his swing with Leadbetter. Cer-tainly Leadbetter's career has benefited from his association beneinten from his association with Faldo and *The Golf Swing* has been described as the most revolutionary instructional book since Ben Hogan's *Modern* Fundamentals. It is a book so well illustrated that even the novice should understand the teachings of Leadbetter.

Peter Alliss provides sensible advice in Lasting the Course (Stanley Paul, £10.95) on where you can play and how to join a club, while The RAC Golf Guide (RAC Publishing, £14.95) gives an extensive list of golf clubs in the UK and Ireland in addition to including a number of fea-tures by leading golf writers. How We Won The Open -

The Caddies Stories by Norman Dabell (Anaya, £14.95); The Golf Swing by David Leadbetter (Willow, £12.95); Lasting The Course by Peter Alliss (Stanley Paul, £10.99); The RAC Golf Child Stanley Paul, £10.99); The RAC Golf Child Stanley Paul, £10.99; The RAC Golf Child Stan Guide edited by Mitchell Plans (RAC Publishing, £14.95).

de Triomphe second Balmerino. winner Saumarez in the group The Australian-trained Livistona Lane is the winner of six at Longchamp in September, but he has not been working as well as the useful Milieu, trained races at home and looks best of the remainder but in front of an expected 75,000 crowd Kessem Mister Riv might find this should be to 1,800 metres (about nine furlongs) too sharp but Milieu's lasts home. should be the one to be on with Milieu a possible danger if he

stamina will be tested in what

should be a strongly run race.

Kessem has impressed in his preparation and the New Zea-land gelding has the best public

form, with several useful perfor-

mances to his credit in Austra-

lia. He won a group three race at Caulfield in October, followed

by a good fourth to the Japan Cup winner Better Loosen Up in

the group one LKS Mackinnon

Stakes at Flemington recently.
Brian Smith, Kessem's trai-

ner, rates him in the same class as his sire, the 1977 Prix de l'Arc

SHATIN TOMORROW

Going: good Praw: fow numbers best 7.30am (GMT) HONG KONG INVITATION CUP (£100,000: 1m 1f) (14

1 200 CRACKENBACK (Bury Management) D Hayes (Aus) 4-9.0. M Clarite 7
2 022 LIVISTONA LANE (Nr and Mrs R Granger) F Mitchell (Aus) 5-9-0 J Canaddy 4
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4 023 TOUR BLADE (F Brooky) D O'Sullivan (N2) 5-9-0. L O'Sellivan (S 10) 10 Minus (10) 10 Minus (10

111 VICTORY LANTERN (D Cho) J Moore 4-9-0 214 REY ON (L Hung) D HE 4-9-0

Cheltenham fence will be altered and Jim Wilson, made the point

CHELTENHAM'S controversial third-last fence is to be built. up on the landing side in an attempt to reduce the number of casualties there. The construction and position of the ob-stacle, the thirteenth on the Old Macket, the three-aut on the Out Course, came under review after two horses, Buckfast Abbey and Alaoui, were killed during the Mackeson Gold Cup meeting in

Champion jockey Peter Scu-damore was among a number of trainers and racecourse officials who met at the track yesterday to consider what alterations, if

any, were needed.

The alternatives were to leave the fence as it is, re-site it 100 yards back, introduce an extra fence 100 yards back or build up the landing side for about 30 yards to elimate the drop and falling away of the ground in the

Scudamore, supported by Toby Balding, David Nicholson

inability of horses to recover from minor errors. Clerk of the Course Philip Arkwright said: "It was unanimously agreed that there was nothing wrong with the cons-truction of the fence. We considered that moving it back 100 yards might introduce a new problem of horses approaching the following sence at faster speed, thus simply transfering fallers from one fence to

that serious mistakes were rare, but that falls were caused by the

"The idea of introducing a new fence 100 yards back from the existing site found some favour, but it was not thought that this should be taken as a

first measure."

The landing area will be generously sanded before the 1991 Festival and the remedial work carried out after the meeting.

Argument over money halts racing in Macao

and a construction company.

The Macao Jockey Club announced it would suspend rac-ing indefinitely after a Macao district court sealed off part of

the racecourse buildings. The court scaled the racecourse's computer center after the Kin San Construction Engineering Company alleged the club still owed it some £2 million of an £8 million contract. Racing had

been scheduled for today.

Liu Fang-hang, the vice chairman of the Jockey Club, acknowledged that Kin San had yet to be paid in full for work it

MACAO (AP) - Racing was did on the racecourse. But he suspended here yesterday be alleged some of the work had cause of a financial dispute been unsatisfictory. Lawyers between the racecourse owners representing Kin San declined to commen Liu said the Jockey Club was

negotiating with shareholders in Taiwan, most of whom are from Taiwan, to raise more funds for racing in Macao.

The Jockey Club was formed in April 1989 and the first race

beid on September 10 that year. However, the club's business has been poor from the begin-ning. The weekly races have had an average turnover of some £800,000, far overshadowed by that generated by the nearby Hong Kong Jockey Club at its

Yesterday's results

Fakenham Going: good

12.45 (2m 5f 110 yds ch) 1, MARINER'S
STAR (M Bosley, 25-1); 2, Aldra Bond (R
Supple, 12-1); 3, Holy Show (S Hodgson,
33-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 co-tavs Invasion
(ur), Carmaas (ur), Tiber River (ur), 7
Felworth (f), 8 Outok Reaction (bd), 8 ran.
30l, 10l. J Bosley at Bamphon. Tote:
\$45.60; \$7.80, \$4.90, \$2.60, \$0.515, \$5.90,
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CSF: £250.24.

L.M (Jan Royds hdie) 1, CLOS DU BOSS (A S Smith, 100-30); 2, Sphihm (S Turner, 3-1); 3, Rammod (I Lawrence, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Golden Vintage (4th), 5 Lateral (f), 12 Dauphin Bleu (5th), 25 Shahrayar (pu), 33 Look Af Me Now (6th), Lynidringem (pu), 9 ran, 3, 2%, 15, 15, 15, Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Totas: £2.80; £1.80, £1.30, £1.20, Dr: £5.10, CSF: £14.24. Tricast: £53.67. Bought in 4,000gms.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, MiRAGE DAY (N Williamson, 7-4); 2, Bilood Blues (Lawrence, 8-13 fav); 3, The Fruit (Mrs N Ledger, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 14 General Merchant (4th), 4 ran, 71, 201, 121, J Edwards at Ross-On-Wye, Totas £2.90.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, SETTER COUNTRY (W

DF: Y1.8U. GSF: Y1.28,

2.15 (2m ch) 1, SETTER COUNTRY (W Irvine, 8-11 fav. Michael Seely's nap); 2, Mr Quick (J Kavanagh, 7-2; 3, Bective Boy (S Hodgson, 25-1; ALSO RAN: 15-2; Shangoseer (5th), 8 Final Alma (1), 10 Deep Ridge (4th), 14 Xylophone (6th), 7 ran. 2%1, 3%1, 3, nk, 8i. R Hodgee at Somerton, Tota: Y1.70; £1.40, £1.70, DF: 27.0; CSF: 24.24. 2.45 (2m 51 110yd hdie) 1, BUSTEELE (J Kavanegh, 2-1); 2, Smart Chick (P Kelly, 14-1); 3, Plenary (S Turner, 16-1), ALSO RANk 8-13 tav Sombrero Gold (5th), 7 Arcticriow (4th), 5 ran. NR: In Dreams, 31, 1½1, 201, 21, N Henderson at Lambourn. Totac £2, 80; 21, 70, 24, 70, 09; 225,80. CSF: £21,45.

225.80. CSF: 221.45.
3.15 (2m 80yd hole) 1, SARYAN (D Murphy, 5-1); 2, Murfield Village (H Davies, 7-4 favi; 3, Horsial (Miss S Murgarroyd, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Curtous Feeling, 4 Artican Spirit (Shi, 7-2 Curtous Feeling, 4 Artican Spirit (Shi, 7-2 Curtous Feeling, 14-1); Chauffeur, Pressure Game, Corbally Bess, 16 Zamzam, 20 Feesible (Shi), Stormy's Mad. 14 ran. 3/1, 41, 15, 51. B Curley at Newmarket, Tota: 28.20: 21.50, 21.50, 25.80, DF: 28.70, CSF: 218.89, Tricast: 2134.83, Placepote 2742.29

Hereford

Placepot: 2742.20

Goingr good, good to firm patches 12.6 (2m hdle) 1. One For Irene (E Tierney, 50-1); 2. Captain Chrome (16-1); 3. Relief Map (50-1). Suprame Denoer 1-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Firs Gold. 2½1, 31. G Jones, Tota: 253.70; 24.70, 23.20, 29.20. DF: £3.00, CSF: £502.42. DF (winner or second with any other); £3.00.

12.30 (2m 3f hdie) 1, De Profundia (D Skyrme, 20-1) 1; Mistress Ross (33-1) 2; Evening Rain (33-1) 3; Myfor (11-10 fev) 4, 16 ran. NR: Swiss Princess, St Anto. Hd, 31. P Bailey, Tota: 220.60; 23.40, 28.60, £4.20, £7.50, DF: £151.20, CSP: £463.49, Tricest: £17,539,70.

1.0 (2m oh) 1, Messter Raja (M Lynch, 10-11 fav); 2. Priscillan (evens); 3, Notalotte (16-1), 3 ran. 20, 3%1. J Chugg. Tota: 21.80. DF: 21.50. CSF: 22.08.

1.30 (2m India) 1, Sustan Henchard (8 McNeil, 6-1); 2, See Now (5-1); 3, Crossofspanciffill (16-1), Adeline Lynn 13-8 fav. 16 ren. NR; Wadswick Lady, 8, 15, M Barraciouph, Totas: 29, 10; £2.30, E3.10, E3.00, OF: £15.00, CSF; £32.08, After a stewards' enquiry, result stood. 2.0 (3m 1f ch) 1, Under Offer (M Richards, 11-2); 2 Bit of A Clown (2-1); 3. Honeybeer Mead (100-1); Stop Two 11-6 fav. 9 ran. 4, 7, P Belley, Tota: £7.80; £1.70, £1.30, £4.00. DF: £5.70. CSR £15.95. Tricast: £882.19.

2.30 (2m hdie) 1, lifes Kerry (T Wal. 9-2): 2, Sweet Glow (4-6 tay); 3, Pharosh's Guest (33-1), 13 ran, NF: Witd Dancer, 8, 20, P Evans, Tota: £5.20: £1.40, £1.10, £3.10, DF: £3.00, CSF: £7.25. 3.0 (2m 3f ch) 1. Red Roudo (f Morgan, 11-10 jt-lav); 2, Punching Glory (11-10 jt-lav); 3, Northern Cusy (25-1) 3. 6 ran. NR: K C's Dencer. 20t. dist. J Edwards. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.20. DP: £3.00. CF: £2.41.

3.30 (3m 1f hole) 1, Midnight Miles (L. Harvey, 12-1); 2, Petty Bridge (5-1); 3, Owm Gwaun (5-1). Murphy's Men 2-1 tav. 16 ran. NR: Brave Setanta 6, 11, M Robinson. Tose: 59.90; 52.20, 51.60, 22.10. OP: 221.70, CSP. 689.00.

Blinkered first time LINGFIELD PARK: 1.25 Verway, 1.55 Red

Placepot: \$115.40

National betting * With doubts still surrounding the participation of Garrison Savannah in the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow today week, Carrick Hill Lad, trained by Gordon Richards, remains 7-2 favourite.



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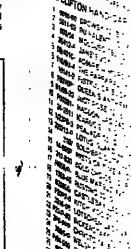
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Morley Street can fulfil promise Mullins in Novices floored as

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

THOSE who relish the sight of top-class novice chasers in action will be in their element at Ascot today when Morley Street and Remittance Man do battle in the grade two Rovacabin Noel Novices'

Chase. Toby Balding's decision to run Morley Street so soon again after his impressive debut over English sences at Worcester, he had already lost his maiden's tag by winning a chase in the United States over what we would regard as hurdles, is based on a desire for some early practice on the Berkshire track since it is his intention to return there in February for the Reynolds-

Having won at Leicester and Newbury, where his

12.15 Morley Street.

Going: good to firm

rivais at Worcester.

Yet Morley Street, who brushed Sabin Du Loir aside on his last visit to Ascot over hurdles, was his superior over those obstacles and so it should remain over fences.

Anyone who backs Full Strength to win the SGB Chase over three miles should do so in the knowledge that he has never raced over that trip. However, I feel that the risk is worth taking.

On his last visit to Ascot, the Gordon Richards-trained seven-year-old was simply outpaced by Blazing Walker, rivals on better terms than he Before that he had run up a would in a handicap. sequence of 10 successive

.55 Full Strength.

2.30 Another Coral.

Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely

12.50 Royal Derbi, 2.30 Another Coral.

1969: THE PROCLAMATION 6-10-12 R Dunwoody (5-2) N Henderson 7 ran

FORM FOCUS MORLEY STREET best Summer Colony best Summer Colony best Summer Colony 111 at Belmont Park (2m 5t, soft); latest best Popeswood 2 at Worcester (2m 4t ch, good). Remittance Man shaped with pienry of promise when beating Teniente 121 at Lecestar (2m, good) on cheering debut and outclassed sole rivel Craw-

201 11210-2 ROYAL DERBI 21 (D,F,Q,S) (M Tebor) N Cataghan 5-11-8 R Damasody 9 M 202 15-3116 STRATFORD PONDS 14 (CD,F,Q) (R Webra) O Sherwood 5-11-8 J Octome 55 203 12015/P- VAYRUA 43F (D,S) (Mrs I. Word) G Harwood 5-11-8 M Perrett 204 5540-F1 WONDER MAN 14 (D,Q,S) (Mrs 2 Robins) Mrs J Planan 5-11-6 M Pissan 91 205 401/151- VOYAGE SAMS RETOUR 240 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Leeper) M Pipe 5-11-4 J Lewer 96 206 6055-PU SALLYANTO 6 (J Chard) Miss J Thoma 5-10-8 N Davie 58 BETTING: 5-4 Wonder Men, 5-2 Royal Derbi, 6-1 Stratford Ponds, 13-2 Vayrus, 7-1 Voyage Sans Retour, 33-1 Bellyanto.

1989: FOREST SUN 4-10-8 J Frost (7-2) G Belding 7 rsn.

FORM FOCUS ROYAL DERIST best Glamorous Gale 2% only start less term. WORDER MAN held every chance when failing 2 out in race won by Deep at Purchessown (2m. good) on penutifrante start lest test test. Start Form a feet to Blecch Road in the grade is less test 2% 2 and to Blecch Road in the grade is less test Con 1% at Sendown (2m. good). Sensation on responsance at Warwick (2m. good): It less test Con 1% at Sendown (2m. good to soft) 1% 5th. STRATFORD PONCS (12b better off) 1% 5th. S

1.20 YOUNGMANS LONG WALK HURDLE (Grade i: 228,808: 3m 2l) (8

1969: ROYAL ATHLETE 6-10-6 D Gallegher (SS-1) Mrs J Pilmen 11 ren

FORM FOCUS BOKARO made a successful English success

12.50 HSS HIRE SHOPS HURDLE (£6,212: 2m) (6 runners)

12.15 ROYACABIN NOEL NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £9,930: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

each occasion. Remittance and six respectively in the three lengths by him at the programme he will also be Man is made of much sterner Hennessey Gold Cup at Sandown a fortnight ago. But hopeful of winning the EBF stuff than Morley Street's Newbury last time, will prob- he should not cope with Royal Colwick Intermediate Chase ably both appreciate today's Derbi at level weights. shorter race.

> Walker's chance of landing the Frogmore Handicap Chase I still prefer Another Coral, who has impressed me at both Cheltenham and Newbury this season albeit against lesser opposition. Now looks the right moment to take a successful step up in class.

On all known form Royal Derbi should be good enough to win the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle since he is meeting his Stratford Ponds is also

New Halen and Man vastly better terms compared there annually in his honour track specialist Tauber (2.55),

At their best both Floyd and Bokaro, a very easy winner in Catterick in fine style. America last time, after proving himself in France.

In the Hampton Court Handicap Hurdle I like noth- Novices Chase. Peter Niven, ing better than Villa Recos, who ran with a great deal of promise at Warwick first time out in the race won by that Pier Niceto (12.30), Padagood horse Deep Sensation. At Nottingham, Stan Mellor

Stratford Ponds is also will have his sights firmly set surface at Lingfield my meeting Wonder Man on on winning the race that is run favourite bet would be on the

1.55 SGB HANDICAP CHASE (£25,527; 3m) (6 runners)

Long handicap: Oksetse 9-12, Royal Craft

with Astre Radieux.

But following that dis-While a win for Full Ryde Again would be hard to appointing run at Utoxeter TRIMLOUGH, three times a Strength will point to Blazing beat in the valuable grade one only nine days ago I am happy Youngmans Long Walk Hur- to go nap in this instance on dle. But I prefer to take a Jimmy Fitzgerald's promising chance in this company and go young jumper Uncle Ernie, instead for Charlie Brooks's who won his only chase at

Parsons Green who was useful over hurdles, lookes the likely winner of the Elvasten who landed a treble at Edinburgh on Monday, can give a repeat performance on San venture (1.30) and Hi Jane (2.30) while on the all-weather

401 3131-35 MAN O'MAGIC 21 (B.C.D.F.Q.S) (J Greigt K Bailey 8-11-10. M Farrett 402 111112 FULL STRENGTN 22 (F.Q.S) (J Morson) G Richards 7-10-7. N Dougley 403 11U-135 NEW HALEN 21 (F.Q.S) (Mrs S Siver) A James 9-10-4. Therety (J 4 404 14-4112 KARAKTER REFERENCE 14 (D.F) (B Botton) R O'Sulivan 8-10-3. D O'

SETTING: 11-4 Full Strength, 5-2 Okastes, 7-2 New Helen, 9-2 Man O'Magic, 8-1 Karakter Re 1989: SOLIDASAROCK 7-10-0 L Harvey (33-1) R Akeituret 12 ran FORM FOCUS MAN O'HAGEC 11 2nd 1 2nd 10 good to firm). KARAKTER REFERENCE 11/1 2nd 10 papearance at Newbury (5m, firm). NEW HALEN, a suppearance at Newbury (5m 51 85/4, good on reappearance, highly creditable 91 5th to Arctic Call in the Hennessy at Newbury (5m 21 85/4, good to firm) with MAH O'MAGEC (2b worse off) 11 5th.

FULL STRENGTH 31 2nd to Blazing Walker here over

2.30 FROGMORE HANDICAP CHASE (£11,452: 2m) (7 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Another Coral, 7-2 Hogmenty, 6-1 That-An-Bherr, 11-2 Blazing Welker, 6-1 Clever Poby

Mister Point, 14-1 lder's Delight.

1988: BLUESERRY (DMG 6-10-0 L Harvey (19-2) A Turnel 7 ren

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FORM FOCUS BLAZRIG WALKS; London out to be Gulbum's with 31 defeat of Full Strength (pair clear) in the H & T Walker Gold Cup Handlesp Crease here (2m 4, gold to firm). CLEVER FOLLY 14 2nd to Full Strength (pair clear) in the H & T Walker Gold Cup Handlesp Crease here (2m 4, gold to firm). CLEVER FOLLY 14 2nd to Full Strength (2m 18 Leven Cold Cup at Chekanham (2m 4, good to firm) with CLEVER FOLLY (4h better of) 63-1 5m and 60-8 DELIGHT desponding 10th.

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3.0 HAMPTON COURT HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: \$3,840; 2m 4f) (15 runners) 601 48-5232 WEHLON 7 (F,G) (Maa D Smyth) R Smyth 7-18-0 B Cafford (7) 6 9 902 1350-0 RE-RELEASE 35F (5) (J Smith) M Pipe 5-11-11 A Watter M 802 1350-0 RE-RELEASE 35F (5) (I Erris) M Pipe 5-11-11 A Watter
803 U60-00 KAMADOOR 14 (D.F.5) (D W Harvie) G Baiding 7-11-4 B Moilles (8)
804 2441-14 VILLA RECOS 28 (0.5) (Mrs E Hitchina) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-3 Mir R White (7)
805 041-508 ALPHASONIC 12 (B.C.D.F.S) (S Beil) K Belley 6-10-12 M Arrayinge
806 (1810)0- PRABRIE O'STIER 352 (D.5) (F Selle) R Curtis 7-10-11 R Tenl (7)
807 41210-4 VA LUTTE 260F (BF.F.5) (Coste Ferm South R Holder 6-10-7 R Farrast (7)
808 20-6542 RECORD FLIGHT 18 (CD.F.S) (F Crumpler) R Hodges 6-10-0 G Burnett Welle (7)
809 0'114-13 PRINCE'S COURT 25 (F) (Crown Facing Ltd) Mrs F Waivyn 7-10-0 G Colley (7)
810 1223- BLAKE'S PROGRESS 372 (BF.F) (D Few) M Pipe 4-10-0 L Jefford (7)
811 00FF0/1- COCK A LEEKIE 484 (F) (Food Brolers Ltd) R Alekturet 7-10-0 G Colley (7)
812 18-2313 ABU MUSLAB 9 (BF.F) (G Edwards) G Edwards 6-10-0 G G Sénerts (7)
813 42460-0 HGM CHATEAU 30 (A Liley) J Spearing 6-10-0 Mirs N Ledger (7)
815 9(0FF-49 PINAL TOP 11 (V) (W Wood) J Bridger 8-10-0 Mirs N Ledger (7)
816 (1907-49 PINAL TOP 11 (V) (W Wood) J Bridger 8-10-0 Mirs N Ledger (7)
817 Long handings Prince's Court 9-11. Biske's Progress 9-11, Cock A Leekie 9-10, Abu Mustab B-12, H

..... D Selber (7) ---.... Mrs N Ladger (7) 65 Long hendices: Prince's Court 9-11. Blake's Progress 9-11, Cock A Leekie 9-10, Abu Mustab 8-12, High Creatmat 7-9, Sunnt Cares 7-7, Final Top 7-0. BETTING: 7-2 VIIIa Recos, 9-2 Va Lute, 6-1 Wishlon, 7-1 Re-Relesse, 8-1 Kamadoor, 12-1 Cook A ids, 14-1 Record Fight, 16-1 Alphasonic, 20-1 others. 1888: PROPERO 4-10-5 C Burnett-Wells (11-1) J Gifford 30 ran

FORM FOCUS WishLoN 12 2nd to Keet or Lingfield (2m, good); previously 1% 2nd to Keet or Lingfield (2m, good); previously 1% 2nd to City Verginia at Fortises (2m, good), proviously 1% 2nd to City Verginia at Fortises (2m, good), proviously 1% 2nd to City Verginia at Fortises (2m, good), proviously 1% 2nd to City Verginia at Fortises (2m, good), value 1 1% 4th of 22 to Chapterow (2m, 4000), before judged on 12% 6m of 18 to Fortises (2m, good), value 1 1% 4th of 22 to Chapterow (2m, 4000), value 1 1% 2nd to Nick The Chapterow (2m, 4000), value 1 1% 2nd to Nick The Dreamer (2m, 600d), value 1 1% 2nd to Nick The Oreaner (2m, 600d), value 1 1% 2nd to Nick The Oreaner (2m, 600d), value 1 1% 2nd to Nick The Oreaner (6m, 600d), v

Course specialists

TRAINERS

Trucking debut when beating Suicaeb by 11 at Perth (2m, good) in September and was impressive in beating Hurricans John 14% at Betmork Park (2m 44, sold).

BOSCSAN CHIEFTAIN BI 2nd to On He Own over 3m (good to firm) here. SRIGHT SAPPHRE put g a much-improved performed to beat Northumbrian King 20 at Uttowster (2m 44, good).

PLOYD (41 4th to Kribensis at Wincanton (2m, good to soft) on penchimate at the Northumbrian (2m, good).

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Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Reve De Valse. 1.15 UNCLE ERNIE (nap). 1.45 Fistful Of Bucks.

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2.15 Rubika, 2.45 Parsons Green. 3.15 Cheerful Times.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 RUBIKA (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 SPARKLER GEBE.

Going: good (chase course); good 12.45 TOLLERTON NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,668: 2m) (25 runners) OLLERTON NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,658: 2m)

13 GREY MERLIN 34 (D,S) (Mrs P Hinton) Miss L Siddel 11-3

14 PORTO HELI 23 (D,SF,F) (B Robson) M Pps 11-3

P ABSOLATUM 17 (P Rien) J Thomas 10-10

AMPNEY BOY 58F (S Truch) R Whitaiser 10-10

BLACKDOWN 79F (T Dyer) C Weedon 10-10

BLIE BELL RIBBONS 14 (G Adams) R Marvin 10-10

BYGARS (M Wooldinge) D Walliams 10-10

4 COLVIN LD 14 (Mrs A Modicy) W Hingh 10-10

C DARTSHOTON HALL 14 (M Cartwright) A Hide 10-10

3 FASTAUFAM 14 (Mrs A Tudor) R Whitaiser 10-10

FREE EDUCATION 117F (Mrs J Ward) P Hooger 10-10

LITTLE BIG 9F (P Byrne) B Curley 10-10 A J Culum . R Beggmo ... R Fabey M Duyer S Woods S Turner M Stehards

D Marphy

A Juckes (5) 94

G Heather 79

A Tony (3) 99

L Hervey 77

M Bosley 99 FREE EDUCATION 117F (Mrs. J Ward) P Hooger 10-10
LITTLE BIG 9F (P Byrne) B Curtey 10-10
BI MONTYKOSKY 23 (D Gough) B Presce 10-10
D PUFFY 14 (A Wisson) Ron Thompson 10-10
RATHVINDEN HOUSE 45F (B Lovrey) T Thomson Jones 10-10
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BANDES 11 (SF) (Kradis Partnership) J Akshurat 10-10
ROYAL VERSE 107F (B Lynch) D Belt 10-10
STRAIGHT LACED 59F (J Pickard) J Wahneright 10-10
SUSAN'S PET 98F (W Barker) W Barker 10-10
P TIMBERLAND 22 (S) (A Villar) Mrs E Heath 10-10
BARANYKA 168F (N Kevanegh) M Wildinson 10-5
MUSICAL NOTE 85F (M Bianshard) M Bisrehard 10-5
SOCIETY BALL 25F (Full Carble G Pic) N Tinider 10-5
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STIRNGS 3-1 Reve De Valse, 3-1 Porto Heé, 8-1 Royal Verse, 13-2 Rhode L Wyer
B Postell
S Kaightley
M Lynch SUCKETY BALL, 20° (First Carde G Fig.) 18 Indian 10° 3.1 Rave De Valse, 3-1 Porto Heli, 6-1 Royal Verse, 13-2 Rhodes, 7-1 Fast Medin, 12-1 Montykosky, 16-1 others.

1989: RAMBO CASTLE 3-10-10 P Niven (12-1) S Norton 18 ren

1.15 EBF COLWICK INTERMEDIATE CHASE (£2,290: 2m) (9 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Uncle Emile, 4-1 Tidarg, 9-2 Astre Radioux, 5-1 L B Laughs, 6-1 Plastic Spaceage, 16-1 Cara Murfin, 20-1 others. rai. 1989: KATABATIC 6-12-0 H Davies (11-10) A Turnell 7 ran 1.45 CLIFTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,472: 2m 6f) (27 runners) R Seggen
D Signos (3)
T Barry (7)
M Breuner

27 S-BS00P ROUTE MARCH 19 (V.S.) (Mass M Prescel P Prepared 11-10-0. Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-1, Welsh Bluebell 9-0, Long handleap: Kitchi Koo 9-11, Lonschen Lady 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Christo 9-10, Bickerstaffe 9-10, Bickerstaffe

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 /BF.F.G.E. (Mrs. D Robinson) B Holl 12-0... . B West (7) BI Researd number. Six-figure form (F-fe). distance winner. SF — beaten favourits in P-pulled up. U-uneeated rider. B-brought down. S-allipsed up. R-refused. G-good to firm, hard. G-good to firm, hard. G-good to since last outing: F if first. (B-blinkers, b-course) for the property of the property o 2.15 STAN MELLOR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,784: 3m 4f) (11 runners) A Orimey McFartand

1 6PP-123 SNEAKAPENRY 7 (6,5) (Mrs E Courage) M Wittinson 8-11-7.
2 P143-P RYMER KING 26 (F,0,5) (G Husby) J Chugg 8-11-3.
3 PP/1551- SANDICLIFFE BOY 301 (5) (G Belloy) R Lee 9-11-2.
4 P2415/1- LONGRYER LADY 405 (6,5) (D Brown) R Holder 7-11-1.
5 49000-3 MR GOSSIP 19 (G,5) (Ludy Bevarr) N Hender 2-11-1.
6 0358-FP DERRY QOMAN 31 (BLF,0,5) (T Kerr) G Thomer 8-10-19.
7 81110-3 RUBSKA 15 (0,0,5) (T Hermings) S Mellor 7-10-12.
8 321-25 SOONER STILL 9 (F,5) (P M Civil Eng Co Ludy J Edwards 8-10-19.
9 P42295- ON THE TWIST SS4 (6,5) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-0.
10 45P-132 GROVELANDS 11 (F,5) (P Smith) R Curis 8-10-0.
11 P9348-3 BATTLE'S TOWN BOY 30 (Mrs V Werd) Mrs V Werd 8-10-0.
Loop head/Gene On The Twist 9-13. Grovelands 9-2. Battle's Town Boy C Limitey (5)

K Williamson 85 Long hendicap: On The Twist 9-13, Grovetands 9-2, Battle's Town Boy 8-3. BETTING: 7-2 Sneatepenny, 4-1 Sandicitife Boy, 9-2 Science Still, 6-1 Longriver Lady, Mr Goseip, Rubbla, 10-1 On The Twist, 16-1 others.

2.45 ELVASTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,501: 3m) (11 runners) B Powell . Mi Lynch Geldelele BETTANG: 2-1 Fighting Jessics, 11-4 Parsone Green, 4-1 Arctic Teel, 13-2 Smooth Escort, 10-1 Cette Trust, 16-1 Balvenie, 20-1 others.

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3.15 PLUNTREE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,360: 2m) (25 runners) 60/62 SOME SAFEE BO (MYS D HIGHSHIP) C SOME THIT COME TO COME THE . A Carroll A Webb R Belleny (3) A Ademe

24 0/955-42 RUNNING FORTUNE 42 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 5-18-4... 25 0640-90 CHSEKY FOX 21 (V) (J Westley) J Bosley 4-10-4..... BETTING: 10-3 St Emo's Fire, 7-2 Spirk Of Klaris, 4-1 Cheerful Times, 13-2 Lots Of Luck, 8-1 Spander Geba, Battle Drum, 12-1 Emperors Warnor, 16-1 others. 1989: PEARL PROSPECT 6-11-0 R Beggen (9-4 fev) Mies H Knight 24 ran

Course specialists TRAINERS 34.3 27.2 22.2 21.6 17.8 16.3

• Toby Tobias, second to Norton's Coin | yesterday morning before deciding the in last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup and ante-post favourite for next year's race, misses his intended comeback in the Youngmans Long Walk Hurdle at David Stait, assistant to trainer Jenny

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ground was too firm.

Mrs Pitman, who originally entered horses in five of today's six races, will now be represented by just two, Wonder Man in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle and Villa Recos in the Hampton Court

M. Bosley

change of emphasis

From Our Irish Racing CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

winner this season over hurdles, was yesterday declared to carry top weight in this afternoon's Ir£10,000 Irish National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at Navan but later in the day his trainer. Tony Mullins, announced him a non-

Tony also holds a professional jockey's licence and the with-drawal of Trimlough leaves him free to ride Minorettes Girl for his father, Paddy. Minorettes Girl, who ran third to Going On in the Seagram Supreme Nat-ional Hunt flat race at Liverpool in April, got away with mistakes at the last two flights to beat Trimlough, who gave 9lb, by 15 lengths at Galway in October.

She clearly has the makings of a top-class jumping mare and should win again today even though the opposition includes Balda Boy, trained by Jim Dreaper for Anne Duchess of

When Balda Boy scored at Naas this was the first win in some years for a Kilsallagan-trained runner carrying the Arkie colours.

Paddy Mullins always like to ay on a pre-Christmas winner at this meeting and Cloughtaney looks likely to win the Lismullen Amateur Riders' Hurdle for the third year in a row. He showed that he was in good shape when winning his latest start over fences and this course and distance suit him ideally.

Tony Mullins has appealed against a seven-day ban im-posed for his riding of Galway Star at Punchessown on Wed-

Racing next week MONDAY: No racing. TUESDAY: Southwell (AW), Fol-

WEDNESDAY: Lingfield Park (AW), THURSDAY: Kelso, Towossier. FRIDAY: Hexham, Ludlow, Utt-

SATURDAY: Chepstow, Lingfield Park, Edinburgh, Hereford.

sun causes havoc

THE afternoon sun played a leading role at Fakenham yes-terday, causing mayhem in the first race and directly contribut-ing to 5lb claimer John Kavanagh's second victory since joining Nicky Henderson's Lambourn stable in August.

Backers had found it difficult to decide on a favourite in the opening Cottesmore Novices'

Chase, sending Invasion, Qan-naas and Tiber River off as comarket leaders on 5-2. But that was to prove the least of their problems as by the time the field had reached the fifth fence their money had hit the turf.

The havoc began when Qannaas, apparently dazzled as he took off at the fourth, unshipped Steve Smith Eccles and knocked over Brendan Powell's mount Invasion. When Ben de Haan and Tiber

when Ben de Haan and I iber kiver met a similar fate at the next obstacle, the slow-starting Mariner's Star, who had picked his way through the fallen bodies, took up the running and was never headed. John Bosley's eight-year-old scored by 30 lengths at 25.1 lengths at 25-1. Smith Eccles, shaken but not

seriously hurt, said: "They were blinded by the sun and it really put them off. Being novices they were tending to jump on top of their fences. Old handicappers would probably have been able to fiddle them."

John White, another casualty of this extraordinary contest, Henderson's Busteele in the Eastern Evening News Novices' Handicap Hurdle after he was



Henderson: successful with hurdler Busteele

found to have dislocated his However, White's bad luck gave 22-year-old Kavanagh another chance to shine followmother thance to sinte tory on Master Bob at Cheltenham last week. Kavanagh seized the chance with both hands, making every yard on Busteele to collect

by three lengths.

The Irish-born conditional rider, bringing his career total to 28, said: "It was always the plan to lead from the start as Busteele stays well but has no finishing

speed.
"My phone has hardly stopped ringing since Master Bob won, and as I passed my driving test last week I'm hoping to be able to take plenty of outside rides."

Aliysa decision deferred

ruled out any High Court action before the end of the year.

MATTHEW McCloy, the solici- ins. has already signatled his tor representing the Aga Khan views on the verdict by pulling in the Aliysa case, yesterday out of British racing. But he is still keen to continue his fight.

before the end of the year.

McCloy has until late February to decide whether to recommend a challenge to the Jockey Club disciplinary commondates. I have to

rinee's decision to disqualify find a peg on which to bang a Aliysa for failing a dope test High Court application. This after winning the 1989 Gold must show some irregularity. I don't think any decision will be The Aga Khan, one of the reached until the New Year at most influential figures in rac-

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections By Mandarin

11.55 African Chimes, 12.25 Katie Jo, 12.55 Mischak. 1.25 Walking Saint. 1.55 Highland Magic. 2.25 Cathos. 2.55 Tauber. 3.25 Abso.

Going: standard Draw: 51-71, high numbers best 11.55 MARIE GALANT MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (£2,356: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 Sec. MARLES (22,300: 1111 27) (10 Full Interes)
2 Sec. MARLEY NOW SELJ White 4-9.1
3 Sec. ARCIROSS BEST 29 F O'Namony 4-9-11 Paul Eddary
3 4-00 STATE BANK 9 (2) A Moore 4-9-11 Julillanse
4 2003 ELRICHUS 10 (8) R Subbe 3-9-6 W Nammed
5 9-00 WOORLANDS GREY 10 F PHICKET 4-9-8 II Wennes
9 0000 MADAIN ARC 158 H Aleman 4-9-8 II Wennes
9 0000 MADAIN ARC 158 H Aleman 4-9-8 II Wennes
9 0000 MADAIN ARC 158 H Aleman 4-9-8 II Bulle Shoot
8 - THE MINDER 527 W Hastings-Bess 3-9-3 Dule Glacot
9 0002 AFRICAN CHARLES 9 (8) P Cole 3-9-8 II Toulon
10 4009 HEST NOWE 128 Per Library 5-9-1 Aris Bulley

4-5 African Chimes, 9-2 Ethuchud, 6-1 Madem Jac, 7-1 The ider, 12-1 First Home, 14-1 Barley Mow, 16-1 others. 2.95 WITCH OF ENDOR HANDICAD (92.592 1m 4f) (16)

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13 000- FRESH FROM VICTORY 467 (3) A Moore 6-7-10
14 000- FRESH FROM VICTORY 467 (3) A Moore 6-7-10
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15 3809 BROUGHTNO 43 W Musson 3-7-7
16 SEET WITH QUETO 9 R Chambrigham Broken 3-7-7

12.55 MARIE GALANT MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (22,337: 1m 2i) (10)

Course specialists

TRABEERS: R Boss, 19 winners from 85 runers, 30.2%; M Prescott, 14 from 67, 29.8%; W O'Gorman, 12 from 50, 24.0%; J Goeden, 4 from 19, 21.1%; H Candy, 13 from 80, 18.3%; P Cole, 23 from 141, 16.3%, JCKEYS: A Proctor, 3 from 10, 30.0%; C Nutter, 4 from 14, 28.5%; Entrea O'Gorman, 3 from 14, 21.4%; N Day, 15 from 89, 16.9%; G Carter, 19 from 143, 13.3%; T Quen, 36 from 275, 15.1%.

EDINBURGH

Selections By Mandarin

12.30 San Pier Niceto. 1.0 Barony Isle. 1.30 Padaventure. 2.0 Absonant. 2.30 Hi Jane. 3.0 Loga-

Going: good (good to firm in places)

12.30 TENNENTS LA JUVENILE NOVICES HUR-DLE (£1,604: 2m) (5 runners) 1 014 EASTERN WHESPER 12 (O,G) Danys Smith 11-2 2 21 GRIS ET VIOLET 14 (D.F.) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-2 D Byrne 3 12 SAM PER NICETO 14 (D.G.) M Hammond 11-2 P Blyre 4 2213 TRES ANBIGOS 10 (D.F.) F WOOdCouse 11-2. R Blacky 5 PERSIAM SOLDIER 72F G Moore 10-10 J Calleghan (3) 11-8 San Pier Niceto, 5-2 Gris Et Violet, 5-1 Eastern Whis per, 8-1 Tres Amigos, 10-1 Persian Soldier.

1.0 TENNENTS SPECIAL CLAIMING CHASE (£2,014: 3m) (5)

6-4 Barony Isla, 3-1 Doronicum, 4-1 Comedy Fair, 5-1 Tea-cate, 12-1 Golden Fancy. 1.30 TENNENTS LAGER MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,730: 3m) (10) 1 30 CAROUSEL CALYPSO 17 M Hammond 4-10-10

O CROSEG 25 (BF) J.J. O'Nell 5-10-10 MASTER WOODVILLE Mrs S Brachume 6-10-10 4 & MEADOWVALE 29 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-10. D Byme 5 96-3 OFF THE BRU 11 Mrs S Brackume 5-10-10 5 96-3 OFF THE BRU 11 Mrs S Brackums 5-10-10 fit J Brackums 6 -222 PADAVENTURE 29 (5) Mrs G Roveley 5-10-10 P Mrss 7 P-44 PALANGUEN 17 W Read 6-10-10 T Read 8 0-40 STRONG BRIEZE 20 R Fisher 6-10-10 R Startey 9 6-10 THE YANK 10 (F) M Hanmond 4-10-10 S Taylor (7) 10 0-0 TREMISIDE VALOUR 36 C Smith 5-10-10

Evens Padaventure, 4-1 Crobeg, 6-1 Meadowvale, 8-1 Off The Bru, 12-1 Palanquin, 14-1 The Yank, 16-1 others. Course specialists TRANERS: C Thomson, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%:
Jihnny Rizgerald, 13 from 45, 26.9%; Denys Smith, 9 from 40, 22.5%; Mrs G Reveley, 13 from 59, 22.0%; P Blockley, 3 from 18, 16.7%; G Moore, 7 from 42, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 21 winners from 83 rides, 25.3%; D Byrne,

1.25 LA REVE HANDICAP (23,002: 1m) (11)

4-1 Vanroy, 5-1 Walking Seint, 6-1 Sno Serenade, Shining wet, 7-1 Sepainty, 8-1 Freek Yose, 10-1 Breezed Well.

1.55 LYDIA MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 22,375: 7f)

4-1 Come Home Alons, 5-1 Hightend Magic, Red Se 6-1 Hold Fast, 8-1 Parish Chimes, 10-1 Taxifrion Bay.

2.25 HOTSPUR HANDICAP (£2,384: 2m) (10) 1 0060 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 15 (C,F) J Schomley 4-10-0

I 16/ JAMANCA GEORGE NO D.F) T Transcon Jones 5-43

II 16/ JAMANCA GEORGE NO D.F) T Transcon Jones 5-43

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II 16/ JAMANCA GEORGE NO D.F) T Transcon Jones 4-9-2

7 COMM CILD HUMERT 16 (D.F. O.S) A Basing 9-4-12. S Comm 16

1 1000 CANONESS 29 (F.O.) P Hayward 9-7-11 Date Gibson 16

9 CODO FLITCHAM 9 W MARRON 3-7-7

S WOOD (S) 8

10 5655 SEMI THE BLUES 3-44 (CD.F) C Seminand 6-3-7

Marrow 10 James 10 J 8-1 Old Hubert, 11-2 Go Nobley, 8-1 Go South, Cathon, -1 Northwold Star, 10-1 Fitchers, 12-1 Qualitar Avector,

2.55 ATROPOS HANDICAP (£2,808: 6f) (5) 1 GID TAURER 25 (CD.F.Q.S) Par Messes 6-10-0 2 0316 ASHTMA 18 (CD.F.G.S) J Sutdiffs 5-9-11 Paul Eddary 5 3 2144 GLENCROFT 9 (B.BF.G.F.G.S) D Chapman 6-9-10

R Hata 1 4 0003 ASSIGNMENT 2 [F] J Ffitch-Hoyee 4-9-2 T Guise 2 5 0080 GREY WOLF 16 K Cunninghum-Brown 3-9-2 2-1 Tauber, 5-2 Ashtine, 11-4 Glencroft, 7-2 Assignment, 39-1 Grey Wolf. 3.25 LYDIA MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 22,356: 7f)

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2.0 TENNENTS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,154: 2m)

1 STF MASTER SALESBAN SEC (D.P.) F Wason 7-11-10 P Reput J Collection (2) 8-11 Absorrant, 7-4 in The Breeze, 11-2 Manuar

230 RUSTY NAIL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

4 43-4 UNPAID MEMBER 28 (D.F.) P Blockley 6-11-0. 5 34-6 EMBTLE PLEABURE 10 Mrs M Stirk 5-19-6 Mr S Sirk 6 -466 HI WALLES 24 (S) R Allan 8-10-4. Mr M Raugu 7 P044 YOUNG FOOL 28 (V) C Smiss 6-10-4. Mr M Raugu 11-4 Eastern Casis, 3-1 Hi Jane, 4-1 Palm House, 6-1 Un-paid Member, 8-1 Young Fool, 10-1 others.

3.0 TENNENTS 80/- ALE HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,604: 2m) (11) 1 -651 LOGARDEO 11 (CD.F.G) J Hallers 4-12-0 P Looker (7)
2 9-35 SKOLERN 11 (D.F.G) A Harrison 6-11-10... K Johnson
3 7310 EASY OVER 5 (CD.F.G) G Moore 4-11-9... K States (3)
4 62-6 ASTURBAS 17 (D.F) A Stringer 7-11-2.... N Wilson (7)
5 0000 MCCOCKESTER (ELES 17 (CD.F.G) A Foreigr 6-11-1

THE RICE MANA 9 (PLETA) P Blocking 5-10-11 S Walker (7)
7 1950 NO ICHO DO 405 (BLAF) Mas S Witton 4-10-11 T Bay (7)
8 8240 AVORCOSO 10 Denys Smith 6-10-6 P Wasonic (7)
9 3-44 GOOD MODO B (0.0) J J O'Nett 5-10-4 S O'Nett (7)
10 9465 NICKEL SELVER 21 G Richards 6-10-4 R Hote (7)
11 PAP-ABLE BARLOR 269 (0.3) C Smith 10-10-0 M Ranger (7)
5-2 Modo Marca. 8-1 Corrections 4-1 density (7) 5-2 Man Mens, 5-1 Logsmitto, 4-1 fromatd, 5-1 Easy Cyer, 8-1 Stolem, 10-1 Good Mond, 12-1 phys.

Lingfield repay loan

A £1.5 million loan provided by the Horserace Betting Levy Board towards the construction of the all-weather track at Lingfield in 1989 was paid back yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

The Surrey course has been run since May this year by the receivers, Cork Gully. Following negotiations in recent weeks with Lingfield's bankers, Svenska Handelsbanken have agreed to redeem the board's loan, Rodney Brack, the board's director of finance said last night.

The repayment of the loan will go some way towards bridging the shortfall in the Levy Board's 1991 budget although the original financial

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Foseco plans

By MARTIN BARROW

FOSECO is proposing to sell its speciality chemicals di-vision and buy back a large tranche of its own shares as part of its defence against the £259 million bid from Burmah Castrol.

If the disposal does not proceed, Foseco will instead pay a special dividend of not less than 20p a share, said Tom Long, the chairman, yesterday. Analysts suggest that Mr Long is seeking about £100 million for the division, which last year made pre-tax profits of £9.2 million.

Mr Long, who has announced plans to sell Foseco's abrasives businesses, said the Burmah bid had provoked strong interest in other parts of the company and approaches had been made by six potential buyers. However, it had not been possible to complete negotiations within the timescale of the bid, which closes on Friday.

Laurence Urquhart, the chairman and chief executive of Burmah Castrol, said: "I am singularly unimpressed, There is nothing here that remotely matches the cer-tainty of our offer of 300p in

Burmah has bought 23.5 per cent of Foseco in the market and has received acceptances in respect of a further 1 per cent. Foseco shares rose 2p to 297p, while the price of those for Burmah advanced 5p to

The special dividend would be paid in addition to normal payouts. Foseco has forecast a final dividend of 9.5p a share for a total of 14.5p, up 7 per cent, with pre-tax profits of £40.5 million, against last time's £46 million.

If the disposals proceed, Foseco will be left with its traditional metallurgical chemicals businesses, which earned £28 million before tax last year. Operating profits for the current year are forecast at £26 million.

Mr Long, who joined Foseco from BAT Industries this year, originally dismissed suggestions that the company would unbundle itself as part of a defence against Burmah. After meetings with institutional shareholders, however, he said he accepted that this shareholder value.

Executive Editor David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar 1.9400 (-0.0040) German mark 2.8809 (+0.0028) Exchange index 93.5 (same)

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24349.50 (-293.47) Closing Prices ... Page 39 Major indices and major changes Page 36

INTEREST RATES London: Bank Bese: 14%
3-month Interbank 13³13-13%%
3-month eligible bills:13¼-13³16%
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Federal Funds 7³16%°
3-month Treasury Bills 6.86-6.85%°
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Welsh Water sale to fight Burmah By MARTIN RADBOTTON Sale to pays £16.7m For power stake

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

JOHN Elfed Jones, the Mr Jones said the invest-Welsh Water chairman, is ment in South Wales Electricity was made without consultseeking a meeting with ing the electricity supply com-Wynford Evans, chair-man of South Wales pany because that would have Electricity, after snapping up a 9.95 per cent stake in the newly privatised power supply company at a cost of £16.7 million.

Mr Jones believes co-operation between the companies could lead to substantial savings in the costs of both utilities. Aggressive buying by Welsh Water has made South Wales shares the second best performer among the area supply shares since trading began on Tuesday. Welsh paid an average of 166.1p a share for its stake. Yesterday the

shares fell 1½p to 165½p.

South Wales is protected from takeover by articles of association which prevent any shareholder voting more than 15 per cent of the shares. Mr Evans said he would continue to explore possible areas of cooperation, "I don't see that the shareholding has got anything to do with it," he said, The stake disclosure ac-

companied news of pre-tax profits for the half-year to end-September up 20 per cent to £72.2 million. The dividend is 6.5p, a rise of 16.3 per cent on the notional dividend detailed when Welsh was privatised a year ago. Welsh also promised a £25 million increase in its capital spending programme to bring forward four projects to curb sea discharges by at

Television

franchises

'attractive'

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

CHANNEL 3 franchises, al-

by GAH, the media business

Those who emerge victori-

ITV incumbents are likely to

lose to challengers, and particularly to those who are

allied with independent pro-

gramme suppliers who can

meet the Independent Tele-

threshold and put in a higher

"The auction has actually

now likely only to face the

incumbent and one or two

other challengers for each

"By putting together the

right team and the right

strategy they can credibly

deliver the required quality

and, with a lower cost base

than the incumbent, earn

enough to pay for the cash bid

and reward shareholders am-

newcomers to put in an application for an ITV fran-

chise in the auction, rather

than waiting for the end of the

takeover moratorium in 1994

to launch a takeover bid for

"The reduction in un-

certainty will be reflected fully

in the market price of the

franchise holders at that time.

The opportunity for those

who bid in the franchise round

is to capture for themselves

this increase in value - the

News Corp

sells film

database

By OUR CITY STAFF

MURDOCH Magazines, a

subsidiary of The News

Corporation, has sold the

database of its Cinebooks

division to Baseline for an

Leslie Hinton, the president

of Murdoch Magazines, said:

Cinebooks is not a core

business for us. We think the

tion on the motion picture

As part of the deal, The

News Corporation, the parent

company of News Inter-

national, owner of The Times.

will retain a financial interest

undisclosed sum.

premium for uncertainty."

It is more advantageous for

ply," the report says.

one of the winners.

strategy consultancy.

study says.

cash bid.

been "unethical" during its flotation. However, co-operation over specific projects has been discussed intermittently for five years or more. Mr Jones said he would be surprised if other utilities in overlapping geographical ar-eas did not follow his lead in

moves towards more formal co-operation."There is demonstrable and quite considerable synergy between the two businesses," he said. "Their customers are our customers. We send bills to

the same people; they dig trenches to lay cables and we dig holes to put pipes in them: they have a large number of depots and we have depots, quite often adjacent to theirs. "We believe that we can, by working with them, derive

substantial benefits over the years for our customers and shareholders." Mr Jones said closer cooperation might or might not have been achievable without Welsh buying a make in South Wales. He said: "We regard it as a sound investment in its own right."

Second and third instalments payable on the shares in October 1991 and September 1992 will ultimately lift Welsh Water's total investment to £30.92 million.

South Wales Electricity distributes electricity in an area extending from central Powys

Channel in the south and from Dyfed coast in the west to the eastern border of Gwent.

The company has 917,000 distribution customers. Sales in the year ended March 1990 were £604 million.

Welsh Water provides water and sewerage services throughout most of Wales and some adjacent parts of England. It serves 1.2 million premises. Sales in the year to March 1990 were £255.3 mil-

Mr Jones said capital spending had been brought forward because high interest rates had led to a windfall profit on the "green dowry" cash balance provided by the government in the run-up to privatisation.

The extra spending will bring forward construction of primary sewage treatment facilities to discharges in the Menai Strait, Milford Haven. Cardigan Bay and at Fonty garry Bay near Cardiff.

In the first half, Weish received net interest of £17.4 million. Turnover advanced 13 per cent to £146 million. Operating profit improved by 26 per cent from £43.8 million to £55.3 million.

Mr Jones said the ten-year, £1.8 billion capital spending programme was on schedule and below budget.

Mr Jones said that barring surprises, results for the year to March 1990 would show a significant advance" on last

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Midland merger with HK Bank looks unlikely

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

though far from being "li-cences to print money", will none the less be an attractive MIDLAND Bank's board false market in their shares. meeting ended yesterday with investment proposition the bank refusing to comment throughout the Nineties, ac-cording to a report published on reports that its three-year-Banking Corporation had

ous from next year's franchise suction will continue to com-The two banks had be mand a much larger audience share than any other rival commercial broadcasting orgstatement on the merger after its monthly board meeting. Instead they have held it back until it can be released There remains considerable simultaneously to the Hong scope for cost cutting and efficiency improvements, the Kong and London stock exchanges at 8.45am London At least six of the present time early next week, possibly

Monday. Hongkong Bank held its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, where a link up with be the main item on the

vision Commission's quality The meetings were the last before the standstill agreement on Hongkong Bank's become more attractive for 14.9 per cent stake in Midland serious new entrants. They are

expires next Saturday.

The two banks will have to

By OUR CITY STAFF

PITMAN, one of Britain's

best known commercial train-

ing concerns, is ending 150

years of independence by join-

ing forces with CRT Group, a fully quoted consultancy. CRT, which Michael Grif-

fiths, the chairman, and his

board reversed into the former

R Smallshaw knitwear com-

pany last year, is paying £2.2

million for Pitman in cash and

shares. Mark Pitman, manag-

ing director and the fourth

generation of the family to run

the business, has agreed to

join the enlarged group on a

Karl Chapman, a director of

CRT, said: "We are delighted

with the agreement. We have

been a quoted company for

just one year and we have

already acquired one of the

best-known names in the sec-tor, yet we still have £6 million

in cash on completion and £300,000 in loan notes. The

balance will be in new CRT

Pitman provides secretarial

business, language and com-puter training from 11 loca-tions in Britain. In the year to

the end of April, the company

reported a pre-tax loss of £977,000, after an extensive

reorganisation, on turnover of

£4.79 million. Management

accounts for the six months to

end-October show losses have

been "significantly reduced."

Net assets at the end of

April were £173,000. Since

then the company has sold a

freehold property in Wimble-

don, yielding a profit against

book value of £541,000 after

CRT is paying £1.2 million

four-year contract.

in cash in the bank."

shares.

William Purves, Hongkong Bank's chairman, and Peter Wrangham, a director, who old plans to merge with the are also Midland directors, Hongkong and Shanghai flew to London to attend the meeting. They are returning to Hong Kong this weekend.

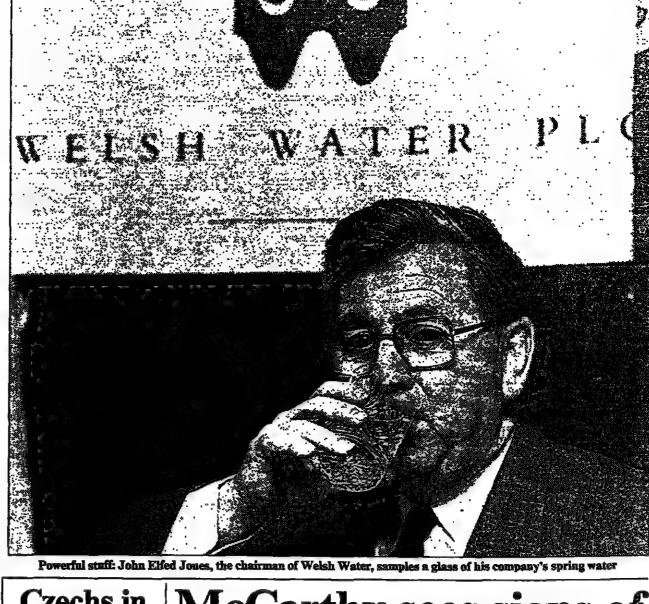
Hongkong Bank, the colo expected by brokers to make a 'ny's principal bank, is not expected to renew the standstill agreement, allowing it to sell its stake to a third party. But while plans for a merger

are thought to have been abandoned, the two banks are thought to be keen to continue co-operating, which includes a worldwide cash dispensing machine link-up, and a staff exchange scheme. Midland's shares have

Midland Bank was thought to fallen from a high of more than 400p at the start of the year to 213p yesterday, as the market has become increasingly worried about the group's bad debts. The Hongkong Bank bought

its stake at 475p three years ago, leaving it facing a book clarify the situation before loss of more than £170 then to avoid the creation of a million.

CRT pays £2.2m for Pitman



Czechs in talks with **US firm** on brewer

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

JUST a week after the controversial sale of a large stake in Skoda, Czechoslovakia's largest company, the Czechoslovak government bas begun talks with Anheuser-Busch, the American drinks company, over the sale of Budweiser Budwar, which makes Czechoslovak Budweiser beer.

Anheuser-Busch's bestknown beer brand is also called Budweiser.

The American Budweiser beer is different in look, taste and price from the original Budweiser, which is brewed in Czechoslovakia by Budweiser Budwar. The two companies have been involved, in the past, in court clashes over the Budweiser brand name.

There is concern that the Americans might buy the Czechoslovak company only to close it, or to force it to brew the American Budweiser beer The staff of Budweiser Budwar have already held a oneday strike in protest. Budweiser Budwar has the

Campaign for Real Ale on its side. Yesterday Camra wrote to Vaciav Havel, the president of Czechoslovakia. The letter said: "We believe Anheuser-Busch's motives in seeking the Czech brewery are to gain complete control over the name, to exclude the Czech product from European markets and to appropriate the heritage of Ceske Budejovice for their own purposes. We believe that the Czech brewery might be reduced to little more than a museum, while production - under a Czech name - was shifted elsewhere at the whim of Amercian management."

McCarthy sees signs of recovery despite losses give a total 1p (3.95p). Mr exchange programme. As a McCarthy said the board had result, the company has 106

McCARTHY & Stone, the specialist builder of sheltered and retirement housing, says it has detected the first signs of recovery in the Southeast housing market.

But whatever recovery there has been, has come too late to prevent substantial losses for McCarthy.

In the year to end-August, the company made a pre-tax loss of £10.8 million, against a profit of £7.1 million in 1989 and one of £34.1 million in

The losses would have been even higher but for £3 million of profits on the sale of undeveloped building land in Britain and France. This success in trading profitably from its land bank gave the com- rent financial year." pany the confidence to make a lion against the value of its land bank.

John McCarthy, the chairman, described the year as the £70,600. most testing ever experienced by the group.

decided to recommend payment of the dividend, because of its belief in the group's Mr McCarthy said the com-

pany was once again beginning to benefit from having most of its unsold stock in the Southeast of England, "In the second half of the year we have noticed some modest signs of improving activity

> Southeast." But he believed a wider recovery was still a year away. ing difficult UK trading conditions will continue to affect our activities during the cur-

levels in the South and

In 1989, the company sold modest provision of £1.3 mil- 1,002 retirement flats, down have fallen from £119 million from 1,571 the year before, with the average selling price rising from £63,100 to

Harry Harrison, the market-But despite the losses the these sales involved the use of

second-hand houses on its books at the moment.

McCarthy has 1,568 unsold flats ready for sale, and a further 350 in progress at the year-end. With sales in the next financial year likely to run stocks very low, the company says it plans to start building on new sites. Mc-Carthy & Stone stopped developing new sites at the end of 1988 as the housing market began to slump.

After the sale of £25 million of building land, the £9.2 "I anticipate that the prevail- million disposal of its five nursing homes, and a £10 million sale and leaseback deal on its Bournemouth headquarters building, Mc-Carthy & Stone's borrowings to £90 million, giving gearing of 92 per cent.

Gearing rises to more than 106 per cent if a £15 million convertible issue is included. despite a belance sheet showcompany is paying a final incentives, such as subsidised ing not assets per share of 155p dividend of 0.5p (2.64p) to bridging loans and a part on a fully diluted basis.

French boost for Eurotunnel issue

EUROTUNNEL has com- shares closed 7p higher at pleted its £566 million rights 395p. issue with subscriptions for 92

per cent of the shares on offer. Once again, French investors have shown their enthusiasm for the Channel tunnel operator as subscriptions for the bearer share issue reached 97.6 per cent, compared with only 83.4 per cent of the registered share issue in Britain. The rest of the shares were picked up by the underwriters.

The bearer shareholders were encouraged to subscribe since they could not sell their nil-paid rights shares on the market like their British counterparts. In all, 58 per cent of the issue was set aside for bearer shares, with 42 per cent for the registered holders. Not all bearer shares are held by the French, but this suggests the tunnel is now controlled by continental in-

The success of the three for five issue contrasts with the original offer for sale, when 20 per cent of the shares were left with the underwriters. At one point last month, the rights issue also threatened to fail, after the shares price sank to 303p, only 18p above the

More than 65,000 private investors registered with Eurotunnel's share service. which offered a low-cost method of buying the nil-paid rights shares. An investment in only 45 rights shares also carried half-price travel perks after the tunnel opens in 1993. The rights issue completes

Eurotunnel's £2.6 billion refinancing programme, which it has struggled with for 18 months. In October the company managed to complete a £2.1 billion debt-raising programme, after winning round many of its 210 banks, which had threatened to pull out of the project.

Eurotunnel has raised £8.6 billion to cover the projected construction cost of £7.6 billion. Transmanche Link, the contractor, is claiming an additional £950 million to complete the work, but Eurotunnel has included its valuation of the eventual settlement value in its cost

Only this month, Transmanche's construction workers succeeded in excavating a passageway to link the French and British ends of the

Operators of cable win boost

By NICK NUTTALL

SIR Bryan Carsberg, directorgeneral of the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), has boosted competition in local telephone services by allowing cable operators to offer new telephony services in eight more areas. The decision affects 108,000

homes and 4,000 businesses. The cable operators involved are United Artists International, Cable Camden in London and Birmingham Approval for Birmingham

covers 58,000 premises and is one of the largest single franchises so far granted, said Sir Bryan. The area stretches from Bournville and King's Norton in the west to Acocks Green and Yardley in the east.

Camden Cable can now extend telephony services in its franchise areas to cover Regent's Park Ward and the Castelhaven, Caversham and Camden Wards. Together these contain 11,000 homes and businesses.

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The company is now allowed to offer telephony to 81,000 premises. United Artists International

(UA)can supply telephony to a total of 19,000 premises in its Avon, Malden and Sutton and

Richmond franchises. Muppets' date with Disney called off

WALT Disney has pulled out of a deal to buy the Muppets from the estate of the late Jim Henson after 18 months of courtship. There will be no Kermit or Miss Piggy at Disney's European theme

park when it opens near Paris in 1992. Almost \$300 million was wiped from the value of Walt Disney in early trading on Wall Street yesterday as the shares fell \$2.25 to \$102.625. The world's leading animated film maker had big plans for the Muppets, preparing to develop them into animated attractions to complement Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck at their Los Angeles and Florida

theme parks. Disney had built a 3-D theatre, at which Michael Jackson is appearing on film as Captain EO, and will still make the 3-D Muppets movie. But there is some doubt over the stage show Here Henson's death. Disney then had to

come the Muppets, which has been playing to packed theme park audiences. Michael Eisner, the chairman of Disney, and Jim Henson, who died aged 53 last May, agreed the deal in principle Within weeks of sitting down in August last year. Neither side will say what went wrong, but analysts are speculating that Disney had second thoughts about the \$100-150 million price tag after the death of the Muppets founder.

In a formal statement from California, Mr Eisner said: "We truly regret we could not come to terms." A statement from the Henson family said: "We would have liked to see this deal succeed, unfortunately . . . the com-

panies could not reach a mutually satisfactory agreement." One family member close to the talks, however, said the negotiations became much more complicated after Mr agree not with one man, but five family members, who felt that the huge inheritance and estate taxes for which they are liable needed to be reflected in the acquisition price.

Among other potential bidders is Paramount Communications, makers of the film Ghost. MCA, which owns theme parks in California and Florida, where it has a joint venture with the Rank Organisation, will have deeper pockets once under the wing of its soon-to-be owner, Matsushita of Japan.

The assets of Henson Associates, founded in 1958, also include a library of five feature films and 300 television

Disney must now go back to the drawing board. Last night, a spokesman said; "We are already working on new characters from the most successful full length animation film of all time, The Little Mermaid."



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By OUR CITY STAFF

savings

LAING & Cruickshank, the loss-making broker, has joined the list of City firms cutting staff. It is making 23 institutional brokers redundant in an effort to save more than £2 million a year.

The firm, which is owned by Credit Lyonnais, the French bank, is changing its name after the reorganisation to Credit Lyonnais Laing. The bank says this emphasises its commitment to the business.

Meanwhile National Westminster Bank has written to its 3,500 corporate and institubanking employees seeking 300 redundancies.

The job cuts are part of the bank's programme to reduce staff by 11,000 within the next five years. Last week County NatWest, the securities subsidiary of the bank, announced 40 redundancies in its equity department.

Laing's cutbacks were engineered by Michael Kerr-Dineen, the new chief executive, who started a review when he took the post two months ago. "If this doesn't nail for all time that we have a long-term presence, I don't know what will. We would not fiddle around with 23 staff out of 267 unless we were committed." he said.

"We are determined to continue to provide a full coverage of the market. This simply means we are cutting some fat." The cuts will reduce costs by more than £2 million, or £87,000 per employee.

Laing is the fifth stockbroking house in two weeks to announce redundancies. On Thursday Barciays de Zoete Wedd made 39 staff redundant, including six former partners of Wedd Durlacher, the jobbing firm, which Barclays Bank bought on the eve of Big Bang.

Stockbrokers are keen to make redundancies before the New Year so they can charge the restructuring provisions to the 1990 accounts and begin 1991 on a lower cost base. Laing lost Fr217 million (£22.2 million) last year, down from Fr603 million losses in 1988, although the deficit is thought to have increased

Natwest's corporate banking division is based mainly in Britain with offices in America and the Far East. The smill are being asked to take early retirement or compensation, and the bank hopes to com-

Brokers Industrial production fall signals deepening recession

By Colin Narbrough **ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT**

THE fall in output in Britain's manufacturing industry has gathered speed. The annual rate of decline is now about 3 per cent, according to Central Statistical Office estimates.

The industrial production data, published with inflation figures yesterday, provided further confirmation of the recession tightening its grip after a prolonged counterinflationary squeeze. As forecast, the retail price

index dropped 0.2 per cent in November to 130. This lowered annual inflation to 9.7 from 10.9 per cent, the biggest fall since April 1986. Excluding the community charge and mortgage interest payments, the annual rate fell to 8 from 8.4 per cent, helped by falling oil prices.

From MARTIN FLETCHER

IN WASHINGTON

FURTHER evidence of a

weakening US economy came

alongside the release of figures

from the labour department

showing a higher than ex-pected rate of inflation at the

wholesale level in November.

The Federal Reserve disclosed

that industrial production had

slipped 1.7 per cent that month, the biggest monthly

decline since January 1982.

amid criticisms by China that

the HK\$127 billion (£8.3 bil-

lion) plan was too expensive.

Hamish MacLeod, secretary

for the Treasury, said the cost was now HK\$79 billion at to-

day's prices. The package has

been revised to include one of

the airport's two ranways but

not the construction of a port

The project is still the

. But many banks and

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largest undertaken by Hong

businessmen are concerned

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

and related infrastructure.



Lamont: rate cut unlikely weak state of demand and output and indicating a "nasty

Provisional CSO figures show manufacturing in the three months to October 2.4 per cent below the previous three months, the largest fall

Big drop in American output

on Monday. The dollar firmed

slightly, though the industrial

production figures later pulled

The producer price index (PPI), the measure of prices

charged by producers to

wholesalers and retailers, rose

by 0.5 per cent last month.

This was substantially below

the figures of 1.1 per cent and

1.6 per cent for October and

spans beyond the sovereignty

Many construction com-

panies and large corporations

have teamed up to prepare for the various bids. The biggest

group is Anglo Japanese Con-

struction, a consortium of Britain's Trafalgar House Cor-

porate Development and Cos-

tain E&C, and Mitsui & Co,

In the past months signs

have been mounting that Pek

ing was opposed to the project

and seemed prepared to scup-

A Chinese official, Lu Ping,

vesterday reiterated his warn-

ing that the project might drain Hong Kong's fiscal sur-

plus and weaken the currency. Mr Ln, director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Of-

fice under Peking's state coun-

cil, said if the reserves in Hong Kong's Exchange Fund were

depleted, there would not be sufficient capital to maintain

the Hong Kong currency's link

The colony's reserves, which exceed HK\$70 billion,

are deposited partly in the Exchange Fund and partly with commercial banks. The

proportion is kept secret but

Mr Lu claimed that HK\$30

billion of the reserves were in

Mr MacLeod refused to

comment on the allegation but said the HK-US dollar link

per it via political pressure.

changeover in 1997.

the Japanese group.

it back.

ened hopes of a further cut in the first slowdown in inflation prices fell.

The inflation figures damp- September and represented

HK scales down

ports project

From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong government that financing would not be

has scaled down the scope of forthcoming without Chinese

its port and airport project blessing for the project, which

interest rates when Federal since the Iraqi invasion of

Reserve policymakers meet Kuwait sent energy prices

expected.

month periods, the output of against a year ago. food, drink and tobacco rose 2 per cent, while chemicals, fell 0.9 per cent in October textiles, clothing and other manufacturing fell 2 per cent. Engineering and allied industry saw a 4 per cent decline, while metals output

dropped 8 per cent. Industrial production, which groups the manufacturing and energy industries, showed a slight rise in October from September, reflecting some recovery in North Sea output. But comparing the latest three months with the previous three, it was 2.4 per cent down, and 1.8 per cent down on a year-ago figures. The assessed annual rate of

decline is put at 1.5 per cent. The recovery in the energy sector is, however, expected to be shortlived, as delayed maintenance work will have Richard Jeffrey, economic since January 1981. Against to be undertaken soon. Oil research chief at Warburg Section the same period last year, it and gas production in the

soaring. A rise of between 0.1

and 0.3 per cent had been

cent in the 12 months to

November. So far this year,

inflation at the wholesale level

has advanced at an apposited

6.9 per cent, compared with

4.9 per cent for the whole of

last year. Economists said they

believed inflation would fall

Producer prices rose 6.1 per

Manufacturing production

after an 8 per cent decline in

September.

Though unit wage costs in manufacturing, the containment of which is seen as vital to restoring Britain's compet-itiveness, showed a slightly lower annual rise of 10.1 per cent in October, the latest three months saw a seasonally adjusted annual rise of 10 per cent, up from 9.5 per cent in the three months to September.

The increase in unit wage costs exceeded the rise in average earnings, as there was a 0.3 per cent fall in productivity in the same three months, after a small gain in the previous period. In October, productivity fell 0.7 per cent. Glenn Davies, chief econo-

mist at Credit Lyonnais, said the decline in manufacturing urities, saw the production fell 1.1 per cent, the steepest latest three months was 10.7 was a "very worrying" indicadata underlining the very decline since March 1986, per cent down on the previous tor of the economic situation, and that an interest rate cut, or several cuts, would be needed urgently to prevent deep recession. Manufacturing output reached its peak in April and has been declining since,

Dr Ann Robinson, the Institute of Directors' economist, also saw a need for policy easing. "Having suffered the pain of high interest rates causing declining de-mand, business should now be looking forward to a cut in interest rates," she said.

Norman Lamont, the chancellor, was this week seen to virtually rule out a base rate cut, saying that maintaining the value of the pound took in coming months as energy priority over domestic eco-

Brunning cuts losses

Profit hit BUSINESS ROUNDUP & Sime

By NEIL BENNETT

PROFITS at Ivory & Sime, the Edinburgh fund manager, have been hit by the excep-tional cost redundancy package of £190,000 for its former chairman and deputy

Pre-tax profits in the six months to end-October slid 22 per cent to £1.23 million, despite a 9 per cent rise in turnover to £6.18 million. The interim dividend is being held at 1.25p, and the company hopes to maintain its full-year payout of 5.75p. This is the fourth year in a row Ivory has suffered a fall in profits.

Costs rose 16 per cent to £5.4 million. This included an estimated £100,000 payment to Alex Hammond-Chambers, the former chairman, and £90,000 to Ian Rushbrook, his deputy. Both became non-executive directors in July.

The company said it had taken action to reduce costs, and they were lower than in the six months to end-April. Cost-cutting measures in-cluded the closure of the group's London office, with the loss of three jobs...

Ivory has had a series of departures this year. In April, David Ross, managing direc-tor, and four investment directors left to set up their own business, while Graeme McLennan, investment director, also resigned.

The company is run by a three-man management team. chaired by Allan Munro. In August, shareholders agreed to increase the number of directors to 20 to reward senior staff and prevent another

By JONATEAN PRYNN

BRUNNING Group, the

advertising and marketing company that testered on the

edge of receivership last year

and early this year, has an-

nounced reduced interim

losses and a share placing to

The company, whose 1990

accounts were prepared only

on a "going concern" basis because bankers refused to

grant an extention of loan

facility, also intends to change

The share offer will raise

£1.45 million for Brunning,

which, combined with the

anticipated £800,000 proceeds

eliminate the company's £1.75

Shareholders will be able to

subscribe for the new shares

The company reported a £610,000 pre-tax loss for the

six months to end-September (£1.2 million deficit). The company paid £282,000 in interest. Sales fell to £14.8

million (£36.7 million) due to

Neil McChire, the chief

executive, said the reduced interest bill plus a saving of

£500,000 a year, largely from

lower overheads and redun-

dancies, will result in savings of £1 million in the next

The reorganisation has se-

cured a 12-month overdraft

facility for working capital purposes from Midland Bank.

The company said the mea-sures "will allow the group to

improve the competitiveness of existing businesses as well

as providing resources to fund

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by payoffs Booker sells pastry group for £31.5m

BOOKER has completed its first disposals since its £300 million takeover of Fitch Lovell, its rival foods group, in July. Booker is selling Jus-Rol, the frozen pastry and pastry products group, to Grand Metropolitan for £31.5 million. GrandMet is also discharging a further £15 million of company debt. Booker's shares rose 6p to 438p.
Booker's gearing immediately after the acquisition rose to

almost 170 per cent, but the company plans to recoup up to half its outlay through disposals. Ian Martin, chief executive of GrandMet's food sector, said: "With GrandMet's experience in the pastry and dough market in the US, where Pillsbury is brand and market leader, and with the group's leadership in cakes in Europe, Jus-Rol is a natural fit.

British Gas deal finalised

BRITISH Gas yesterday took control of Consumers' Gas, Canada's largest natu-ral gas distribution company. The deal was finalised by the payment of £406 million to GW Utilities, a subsidiary of Olympia & York, for its 82 per cent stake. A British Gas offer of Can\$34 (£15) a share for the remaining 18 per cent ex-

pires next Thursday.

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VISTA Entertainments, the ailing nightclub and theatre management company, has reported pre-tax losses of £575,000 (£245,000 loss) for the six months to end-September. The company the disposal of its main operating subsidiary, Manchester Theatres, to Apollo Leisure for £3.85 million. There is no

Competition drive

NORTHERN Ireland's industry is to be given more encouragement to stand on its own feet. The province's Industrial Development Board is to put more financial resources into helping existing manufacturing and service sectors to break down barriers to competition.

Already, the IDB has cut funding of incoming businesses to 21 per cent of capital spending, compared with 50 per cent five years ago. While inbound investment is still seen as vital in the creation of jobs, the IDB will concentrate on removing specific obstacles to competition and growth.

Swedish deal for Racal

RACAL Telecom, which is 80 per cent controlled by Racal Electronics, is to take a 10 per cent stake in a Swedish company that will operate a mobile telephone network in Sweden. The new company will become the third operator of a cellular telephone network next to Televerket (the Swedish telecommunications authority)

British Coal wins award

BRITISH Coal has won praise from an unusual source with an architectural award from the Civic Trust for its new winding tower at Harworth Colliery in Not-tinghamshire. The 75-metre high tower was one of only two commendations in the county in the trust's 1990 awards. The Trust praised it as being "both functional

BHP record profit

BHP, Australia's largest industrial group, reported a record profit of Aus\$902 million (£352 million) for the six months to end-November (Aus\$546.7 million). The result reflected a becoming oil price, firm commodity prices and an abnormal profit of Aus\$150.6 million on one-off transactions.

Steel contributed Aus\$218.7 million (Aus\$294.3 million). The company invested Aus\$784 million in expansion and upgrading of assets, and Aus\$182 million in exploration. Minerals, including petroleum, brought a 28.6 per cent boost in group revenue to Aus\$9.03 billion (Aus\$7.02 billion).

COMPANIES IN BRIEF

Pre-tax: (£0.13m) £0.21m EPS: 1.13p (1.8p) Div: NII (nii)

PHILIP HARRIS (Int) Pre-txx: £0.46m (£0.75m) EPS: 3.95p (6.16p) Div: 2p (2p) TOTAL SYSTEMS (Int) Pre-tax: £19,949

EPS: 0.13p (0.29p) Dkr. Nii (nii) MICRELEC GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: 21.11m (£0.78m)

Div: 1.35p (1.16p) GRAIG SHIPPING (Int) Pre-tac: £0.67m (£1.64m) EPS: 4.3p (10.6p) Div: 1p (2p) BOOTH INDUSTRIES (Int) Pre-tax: £0.38m (£0.36m) EPS: 6.12p (5.72p)

Div: 0.7p (0.7p) CONT. STATIONERY (Int) Pre-tex: £0.83m (£0.92m) EPS: 3.21p (3.52p) Div: 1.2p (1.2p)

FLEXELLO CASTORS (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss £0.5m LPS: 10.6p (EPS: 20.5p) Div:1.67p, mkg 3.34p ABTRUST NEW DAWN Pre-tax: £114,000

AMBERLEY GROUP (Int) Sales fell from £1.82m to £1.52m. a final dividend of not less

than 1.5p. Sales fell 20 per cent to £32.9m, while interest charges jumped by 87 per cent to £411,000. Dividend will be paid on February 1.

Pre-tax profit last time was £39,865. Assuming momentum can be maintained in second half, group should begin to recover.

Turnover up 54 per cent to £10.6m. Aithough oil company investment is now less ambitious, board confident of satisfactory outcome for year. Second half not expected to show any improvement on first and board may have to consider writing down some oil assets at year-end. Sales were £15m (£14.2m). Orders are satisfactory and will enable group to remain fully occupied for at least the rest of the year.

Board reports that the forms distribution and Fairfield businesses have had encouraging start to the second half.

Total dividend last year 5.4p on profits of £949,000. Loss reflects reduced sales, high interest charges and bad debt provision. Interim results. Pre-tax loss last year was £37,000. NAV per ordinary share fell from 129.19p

at Broad Street

By Our City Staff

Lynne Franks, the fashion PR company, and Financial Dynamics, the financial PR firm, reported improved profits.

year. The group, which is conthrough reorganisation and a

cent to £5.3 million, while operating profit tumbled 43 per cent to £710,000. There was a £133,000 exceptional Broad Street is holding talks item to cover redundancy with its bankers over ways of costs. Earnings per share fell easing its £5.5 million debt from 2.09p to 0.4p. There is burden. The interest bill in the no interim dividend (0.65p). shares went to non-customers. Seeboard.

Power investors lose out on discounts

By A CORRESPONDENT The discos will also make

have missed out on some £85 million worth of discount off their electricity bills.

Some analysts estimate that

subscription cash to investors. In the prospectuses, cus-

tomers were offered up to £270 worth of vouchers if they bought 1,500 shares, but the most any customer got in any of the 12 companies was 500 less lucky, with a maximum allocation of 300 shares for customers of London Electric-

THE OPTIMA CARD INTEREST **RATES**

American Express announces that the Optima interest rates are to be varied to 23.3% per annum for purchases and 25.9% per annum for cash advances.

Interest charged on Optima statements of account from the 1st January 1991 will be at the new rates,

applied to all interest bearing balances, cash advances and to purchases attracting interest for the first time. All other terms and conditions of the Optima Card remain the same.



American Express Europe Limited, Optima Card Services, Dept. 877, Sussex House, Burgess Hill RH15 9AW.

would not be compromised. Reborn: Neil McClure has high hopes for Birkdale Group **Interest bill bites**

BDDP, the French advertising receivable of £115,000 last agency, has a near-40 per cent stake, suffered a fall in firsthalf pre-tax profits from £1.4 million to £297,000.

were disappointing but point-ed out that subsidiaries, Operating income fell 6 per

BROAD Street, the public six months to end-September relations group in which was £280,000, against interest sidering disposals, expects some benefits of savings made The group said the results cut in overheads to show

Operating income fell 6 per

CUSTOMERS of the 12 electricity distribution com- £51 million in interest in the panies whose applications for three weeks or so before it in the privatisation bonanza

Many millions of shares in the 12 discos went to noncustomers who are not entitled to the electricity shares. Customers in London vouchers (or, in most cases, to and the Southeast were even the one-for-20 share bonus

shares were severely cut back returns £6.8 billion in over-

40 per cent of the 1.2 billion ity and just 100 for those of

NCR rejects AT&T's \$6.4bn bid

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

NCR Corporation, the computer manufacturer that employs more than 1,300 people in Scotland, has rejected a \$6.4 billion cash offer from American Telephone & Telegraph, the telecommunications company, and sued it over

allegedly misleading statements. NCR said that AT&T's hostile offer at \$90 a share was grossly inadequate and

Mr Charles Exley, the chairman and chief executive, said: "Clearly AT&T is attempting for its own purposes to take advantage of NCR's artificially and

cannot and will not permit them to seize for themselves the enormous values that are building steadily within NCR."

NCR's shares dropped sharply by \$1.375 to \$88.75 while AT&T eased 37.5 cents to \$30.625. NCR shares had climbed to almost \$3 above AT&T's bid price at one point amid stock market suggestions that white knights were poised to ride to its rescue.

NEC, the Japanese computer and telecommunications company, is one name mentioned on Wall Street Mr Exley has hinted that talks have taken place with third parties, but has declined mensers in the computer industry

temporarily depressed stock price. We to name them or say how advanced the talks have been.

Meanwhile, in a law suit at its home town of Dayton, Ohio, NCR alleged in court documents that AT&T's filings supporting its tender offer contain "false, manipulative and misleading" statements and are in violation of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

NCR says AT&T failed to disclose that its tender offer is conditional on the NCR board approving a friendly transaction, omitted information concerning AT&T's failure in the computer industry and failed to mention the string of failed

WALL STREET

Dow under pressure

BLUE chips were under pressure in morning trading as investors declined to buy amid further signs that the American economy is slipping

The Dow Jones industrial prices rose more than expected, while industrial production and capacity usage fell more than feared. ■ Tekye - Stocks finished at 1,541.15.

everage was 9.66 lower at 2,604.70. November producer • Frankfurt — The Dax index

lower after the heaviest turnover in nearly two months. The Nikkei index was down 293.47 points, or 1.19 per cent, at 24,349.50 with 800 million shares traded. But the Nikkei has shown a net advance on the week, rising

has ended above 1,520 since September 17, when it closed

827.01 points. closed 4.60 higher at 1,522.40. This is the first time the index

news and speculation revived interest in the freshly-privatised electricity companies just as they started to lose their snarkie. Welsh Water started the

ball rolling by announcing that it had bought a 9.95 per cent stake in South Wales Electricity. Welsh Water is believed to have paid 161p a share for the 10.1 million partly-paid shares, estimated to be worth £16.78 million. The total cost of the shares would be about £40 million in their fully-paid form. Welsh Water said that it expected closer operational links.

South Wales Electricity, which had no warning of the stake-building, hardly moved adding only 1p at 168p, while Welsh Water slipped 1p to 282p after reporting interim pre-tax profits up from £60.4 million to £72.7 million. There were also claims that European companies have been quick off the mark in

pany, is believed to be buying shares in Yorkshire, 5½p better at 159p in heavy turnover which saw 8.2 million shares traded, while Eastern, 1/2p lower at 143/2p, after 146p, on

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South Wales Electricity RANKS HOVIS McDOUGALL: bid hopes take a knock 440 420

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7p to 153p (4.1 million). The

electricity package jumped £42 to £1,500.

market spent a nervous day.

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STOCK MARKET

a volume of 4.2 million shares, is being linked with Lyonnaise des Eaux, a French The latest retail prices index. showing inflation dropping below 10 per cent, was comgroup. Rises were also seen in East Midland, 3½p to 145½p (3.9 million shares), London, expected figures for many turing output which dem-onstrated how deeply the 4p to 144p (6.4 million), Manweb, 12p to 171p (4.5 million), Midland, 4p to 143p (3.8 million), Northern, 4p to 148p (2.9 million), Norweb, 1p recession was biting.

Prices recovered from a activity in the futures market. But the threat by President Bush to end the peace talks with braq saw Wall Street suffer an early, 35-point fall that also dragged London lower. The FT-SE 100 index closed 3.8 lower at 2,168.4, points up. The FT index of 30

MAJOR INDICES Hong Kong: Heng Seng FT-SE Eurotrack London: FT.-A All-Sham FT.- "500" ___ 1042.90 (-1.46) 1146.94 (-0.67) 138.8 (-0.3) 144 (+0.12) 15 83.37 (+0.06)

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Turnover reached 556 million

Government securities nursed losses of £1/2 at the longer end as the hopes for a cut soon in interest rates

Sunningdale Holdings, the investment consortium which is headed by Sir James Goldsmith, has disposed of some of its shares in Ranks Hovis McDougall, down 1p at 282p. Sunningdale has sold 1.9 million shares that were owned by two of its smaller shareholders. This reduces its stake to 101.3 million shares, or 28.58 per cent. It also dampens the market's hopes for a full bid by Sunningdale for RHM.

Sunningdale bought the bulk of its holding in RHM at 400p a share in May last year. This year the price has turnbled from a peak of 454p, leaving Sunningdale with a large trading loss. Some brokers calculate that the financing costs involved in holding the stake are equivalent to 5p

Hawker Siddeley fell 4p to 419p after a profits downgrading by Warburg Securi-

to 530p. BZW has been a big buyer of the shares this week with 1.5 million traded yesterday. Ed Wright, an analyst, believes that worries about the European fighter project and the additional orders from Saudi Arabia under the Al-Yamamah 2 deal have been overdone. GEC rose 3p to 177p after giving a presenta-tion for analysts following the

food-to-furniture group, firmed 2p to 252p despite a profits downgrading by Kleinwort Benson, the broker. Al-bert Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor, was another firm market, 21/2p better at 1181/2p. Fisher had been tipped to buy Dole Foods from Castle & Cook, an American food group. But C&C has now decided to keep Dole instead.

Eurotumnel rose 7p to 395p. while the warrants held steady at 27p after the market learned that French investors had taken up 97.6 per cent of the shares issued under the £532 million rights issue. Last week, it was announced that British investors had taken up more than 80 per cent of their issue would be given the cold

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Equiticorp blames UK bids for crash

From RICHARD LONG IN WELLINGTON

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ALLAN Hawkins, the former Equiticorp chairman facing fraud charges, blamed his takeover activities in Britain for bringing down his highflying company.

"Quite simply, we grew too fast," Mr Hawkins said, after he and six colleagues from the collapsed group appeared in court at Auckland on fraud charges totalling NZ\$440 million (£135 million).

"One of our major errors was moving to the UK because the investments were too big for us," he said.

Thousands of shareholders lost their savings when Equiticorp collapsed last year after a six-year worldwide buying spree that included a 61 per cent stake in GPG, the British merchant bank.

In court yesterday, Mr Haw-kins, aged 48, and his former colleagues, facing an array of fraud charges, were granted bail to appear in the court for a pre-depositions conference on January 23. They had to surrender their passports. One man had his name and

occupation suppressed. The others were Maxwell Colin Taylor, aged 37, farmer; lan Lindsay Gunthorp, aged 26, company director, Kevin James Gillespie, aged 43, accountant; Russell John Curtayne, aged 27, financial assis-

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Four years for broker in fraud

AN AUSTRALIAN stockbroker has been jailed for four years after being found guilty of an Aus\$3.2 million (£1.26 million) fraud.

Barry Pryor, aged 50, was executive director of Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers Australia at the time of the offences, which began in 1982, Justice lan Gray said in the Victoria Supreme Court in Melbourne.

Pryor had pleaded guilty to 35 charges including theft, obtaining property by decep-tion and false accounting. In 1982 he stole Aus\$100,000 from a client's account to repay a loan on a property development which failed.

The client discovered the deception and put pressure on Pryor to recoup the money, which he did by inflating the proceeds of shares he sold on behalf of the client for several years. His firm discovered Pryor's activities in 1988,

Bristol Post falls to £3m

Bristol Evening Post, the West Country newspaper group, has reported half-year profits hit by the downturn in advertising revenue. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September fell 28 per cent to £3 miltion, with newspaper publishing profits tumbling 59 per cent to £1 million. Overall sales were marginally down at £31 million.

Andrew Breach, the chairman, said the company had suffered a £1,2 million fall in advertising revenue at a time when newspaper costs had risen by 3.2 per cent. Revenues from advertising "seem likely to remain depressed in the second half year", he said.

Profits from other divisions rose, with the exception of the film production. The 3.75p interim dividend is changed on last year.

Scots 'escape' Scotland will escape the worst

of the company insolvency epidemic currently sweeping the rest of the United Kingdom, said Mr Robert Hynd, a business law solicitor with Harpers, the Glasgow firm. He said: "Scotland will continue to fare better than the rest of Britain because most of our traditional heavy industries have already disappeared. We have suffered the pain of insolvency in past

years and our company base is stronger and more efficient

than it was a decade ago."

Verdict on the power float bankers: could do better

be sale of the 12 regional electricity companies was, as the prime minister said, "a huge success". One in ten of the population put in 12.75 million applications for ten times as many shares as were available. Frank did a superb job, but the same cannot be said. of the City, which received more than £50 million in fees and succeeded in underpricing the shares and embarrass-

ing the government. Frank Dobson, Labour's energy spokesman, was exaggerating when he said that "never in the history of human commerce has so much been paid out to so many for so little." But he had a point, and one that ought to have deflated the egos of merchant banks responsible effectively for setting the price. Allowing for the unpredictable shifts in stock market sentiment, they

should have done better. It will not be long before their judgment and feel for the market will again be put to the test. In February, the English generating companies, National Power and PowerGen, will be sold. The two Scottish companies, Hydro-Electric and ScottishPower, follow them on the block in May/June, National Power and PowerGen are expected to fetch about £3 billion. Like the regional distributors, they will be offered on the instalment plan, with the added inducement of free shares. They cannot, of course, offer discounts on



customers' bills and their appeal to small private investors is likely to be more muted. None the less, the government will be looking for a popular and successful issue, without extravagant premiums and the critical backlash it has felt this week from smug opponents and applicants who received miserable allotments or no shares at all.

The nub of the exercise will again be pricing the shares. To be fair to the City advisers who got it wrong with the regional companies, the fault may lie more in the system than in their frag powers of judgment. Unlike the United States, where the interval between pricing an issue and selling it is short and therefore at the mercy of market movements for only a brief period, in London the opposite is true. With electricity, "impact day" - the day the 240p per share price was revealed - was November 21 and the offer was open until December 5.

Two weeks is a long time in the life of the stock market, and it was noticeable that despite some bearish influences at work share prices generally improved

relatively more attractive. Something similar has happened, as if by magic, during previous large privatisation sales, but never mind: it is all in a good cause! The only discomfort is felt by the price fixers, who have egg on their faces, and government ministers, who have to defend themselves against allegations of selling the family silver at giveaway prices and treating investors out of taxpayers' pockets.

The time has come to re-examine the London new issue system, preferably in time for useful practical changes to be made before the next privatisation sale. Particularly close scrutiny should be given to the costs and benefits of underwriting. In my view, the electricity lead underwriters, having in mind the possibility of a war in the Gulf, stretched the system beyond reasonable limits by demanding a force majeure

Had the shooting begun, the government would surely have withdrawn the issue. Why therefore pay fat underwriting commissions if you are effectively your own underwriter of what is perceived to be the principal risk? A shift to the American system may be needed, with fast distribution of stock and flexible pricing to take account of changes in general market conditions almost up to the time of sale. Underwriting would take on a new, and less costly meaning, if it were needed at all.

Fragile days for firms and dividends

he warmish market glow that belped the electricity sale still continues. Christmas is always a bad time to be bearish and I note that chartist Richard Lake (World Stock Market Analysis), having marked a barrier to a rising FT-SE index at 2,180, believes that if the index breaks through the barrier a further run to the 2,300 area is indicated. The breakthrough has occurred. Alternatively, a fall below 2,100 would reinstate "a major downtrend". My brief reference here last week to analysis of the other sort - in Warburg Securities' paper The Financial Fragility of the Company Sector - prompted a good deal of interest and a demand for more. The fragility is caused by the financial pressures on companies of rising in-

terest payments, tax and dividend payments compounded by their growing recourse to debt financing as distinct from issuing equity. Com-panies making up the FT-SE index required an average of 48 per cent of their gross cash flow (broadly their income) to cover these three items.

Eighteen estimated to devote more than the average to interest, tax and dividends include Scars, Trafalgar House, BPB Industries, Maxwell Communications, Asda, ICI, Tarmac, Burton and Guinness. The financial pressures on them have grown since 1988, which suggests they are more vulnerable than the average to downgrading by the market. Dividend cover for the FT-SE indus-

trial companies is expected to decline

from 2.9 times in 1988 to 2.5 times next year, and for all FT-SE companies, from 2.8 times to 2.3 times. Stocks with the lowest dividend cover include Midland Bank, BPB Industries, Maxwell Communications, ICI, Burton, National Westminster Bank, Trafalgar House, Sears and Blue Circle.

Not surprisingly, the biggest deterioration in dividend cover has occurred in the more cyclical sectors of the market. If you couple the financial pressures they are under with the generally poor prospect of earnings growth next year, and maybe beyond, the chances of dividend increases are slim, while the chances of dividend cuts, by some of the companies, are real. Electricity and water stocks are a safer bet in these uneasy times.

Gencor in £4.1bn expansion plan SOUTH Africa's Gencor said investors and analysts in businesses will also create has plans which could involve

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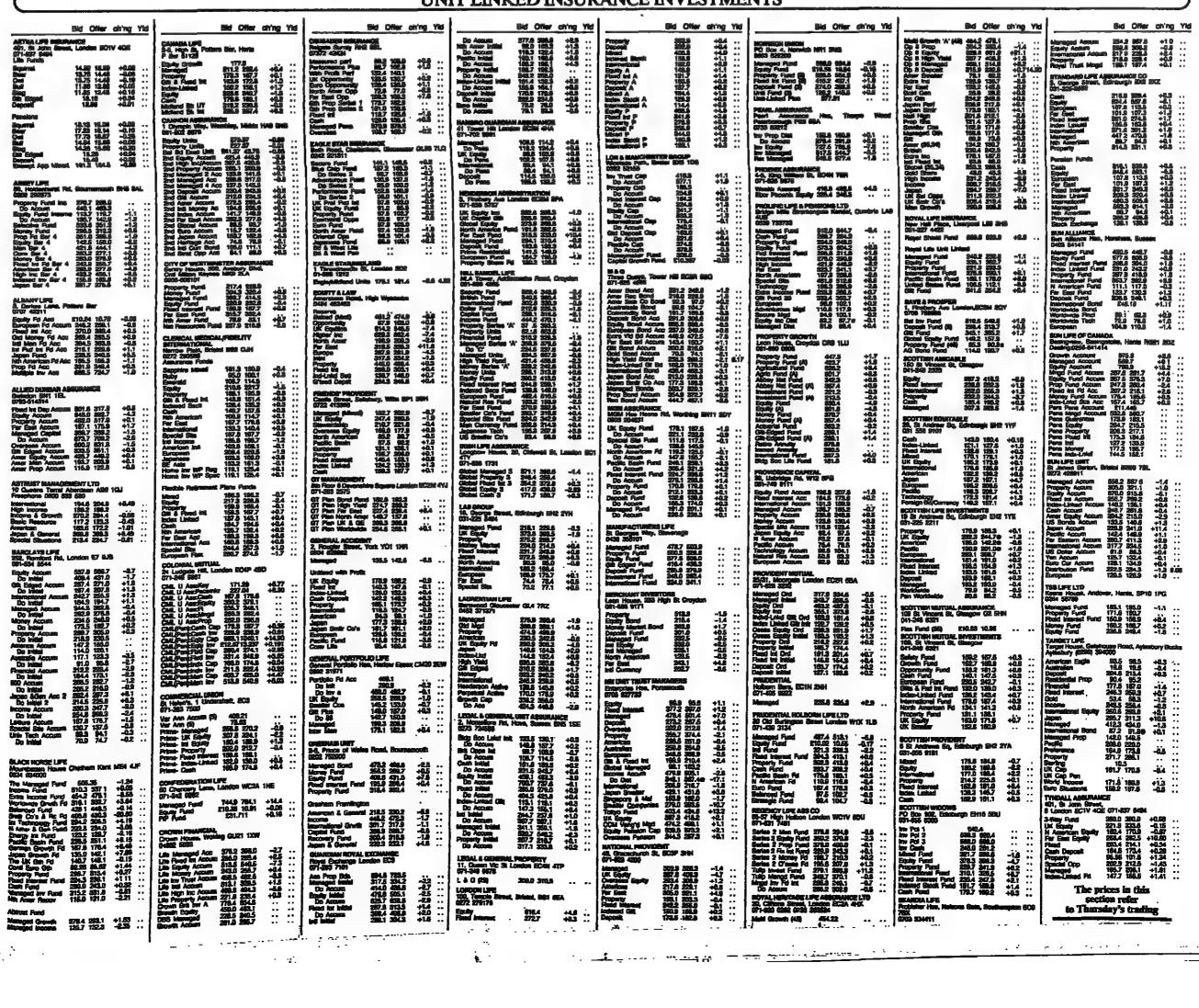
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Liquidators rule out large losses for investors

THE £30 million collapse this Life, Scottish Equitable, week of the Levitt Group, one Devonshire Life and Hill of Britain's largest financial Samuel Money belonging to services companies, should investors in these funds is not not mean losses for most at risk. investors, according to liq-

policies through the group, which was acting as a broker. Clients who made out cheques directly to the in-

Phil Wallace, joint liquidator at KPMG, said: "We are suggesting that if clients are concerned they should write to the insurance company where their policy is held

to check their policy is valid." If there are inconsistencies. policyholders can contact the liquidators at Levitt House, owing money. 143, Great Portland Street,

About 200 clients held port-folios that were actively man-aged by the group. It appears kers Regulatory Association that money in these portfolios (Fimbra). was invested in insurance bonds rather than broker bonds or equities.

Levitt Group client funds were invested in bonds from companies that included Sun Financial Services Act.

The Levitt liquidators said uidators from KPMG Peat yesterday: "Allegations of ir-Marwick McLintock, the acc-regularities which we underountant (Sara McConnell stand may relate to up to 15 of the 200 cases are now under The majority of the Levitt investigation by the Serious Group's 5,000 active clients Fraud Office." They added bought insurance or pension that it would take time to unravel the Levitt Group's financial affairs as records were "in some cases de-

ficient". surance company should not If investors have lost money they may be able to apply for compensation through the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) run by the Securities and Investments

> The scheme will only operate if the ICS board declares the company to be in default, unable to pay its debts and

The company has to be fully

The compensation scheme only covers private investors and will only pay out up to £48,000 in compensation for investments covered by the

Levitt's demise sparks churning alert

INVESTORS who are advised by a salesman to cash in a life or pension policy and take out a new one will almost always lose money on the deal, while the salesman will earn com-

mission on each policy. After the demise this week of the Levitt Group, the high profile financial services group, some life companies are predicting that the company's former clients will be persuaded by other salesmen to cash in life and pension policies and take out policies with different companies.

Life companies admit this practice, known as churning, continues to be a problem, despite a tightening of

Alan Goodman, marketing manager of Standard Life, Britain's largest mutual in-surer, said: "Churning un-doubtedly still goes on and people switch for the wrong reasons. It is not as widespread as it appears and the vast majority of cases are

"If an adviser thinks someone has totally the wrong policy, we would not consider it churning. But if someone is just suggesting a change of company it would be."

However, some brokers may persuade people to cash in existing policies unnecessarily to earn commission. The Consumers' Association said a salesman could earn about £1,000 by selling a 25-



Commissions on endowments

rector at Allied Dunbar, said;

"There is clearly an incentive

for brokers to offer new

year endowment policy to cover a £40,000 mortgage. Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, said: "Mortgages are the most tempting area for

churning because they are the David Seviour, assistant dimost complex purchase most people make. Most people are not confident enough to ques-tion the advice they receive." Policies should not be

For a man aged 30 next cashed in on the evidence of birthday, taking out a 25-year better past performance from endowment (normally taken mission on an indemnity ba-

another company because this out to cover a mortgage), and did not guarantee future paying premiums of £30 a performance, she added. month, an Allied Dunbar salesman would earn £280 up vary, but life offices admit front plus a further 2.5 per rates could tempt brokers. cent of the premiums every year after an initial three-year period. Norwich Union salesmen would earn £285 up front, plus yearly renewals after the initial period for selling the same policy.

A salesman can earn com-

whole of his initial commission upfront when the first five years the surrender value contribution is paid. Allied would be £1,699 after £1,800 Dunbar pays £237 up front for of premiums had been paid. commission earned on this After six years and £2,160 of basis, while Norwich Union premiums the surrender value pays £238.50. If salesmen do not earn the indemnity com-

life companies claw it back. Alasdair Buchanan, group marketing manager at Scottish policy should ask the salesman to prove his case.

"Advisers must have reasons to make their choice and investors should ask: "How much am I gaining? What is surrender a policy."

People surrendering a policy long before it matures will find they get back less than they paid in premiums. Life offices' set-up costs, particularly administration, and the cost of paying brokers' initial commission mean surrender values are almost non-existent in the first two years, and people need to hang on to their policies for between five and ten years before the surrender value is more than the total paid in.

A spokesman for Norwich Union said that a male, aged 30, paying £30 a month into a

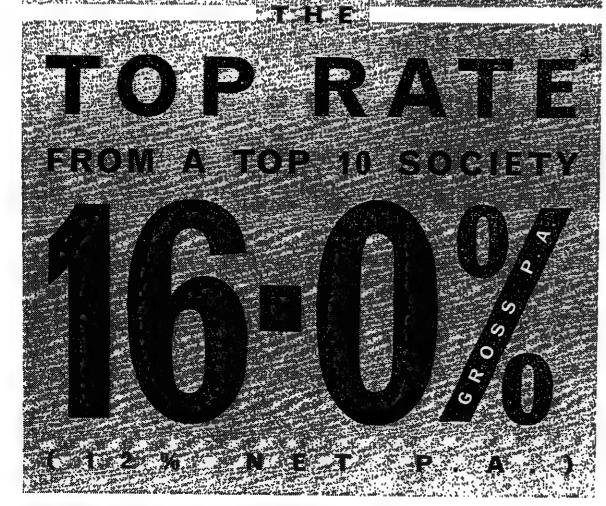
ceeded surrender values. After would be £2,304.

With-profits policies inmission they have been paid, crease in value the longer they are held, as they earn bonuses every year that cannot be taken away. However, surren-Widows, said investors being der values vary widely. A tempted into taking out a new November survey in Planned Savings, the magazine, showed that a male, aged 29. paying £100 a year into a 25year endowment policy would receive £2.171 from Equitable Life but only £1,480 from the the surrender value of the Prudential if he surrendered policy? How does it compare the policy after ten years. The with the premium? It would average value was £1,494. normally not be good value to Surrendering the same policy after 20 years would bring the policyholder £9,110 from Norwich Union but only

£7,179 from Clerical Medical. Life companies are trying to make it more difficult for their salesmen to churn investors' policies. Allied Dunbar insists that salesmen fill in a form explaining why they are recommending a replacement policy. This form lists all the disadvantages of surrendering early and has to be signed by the customer.

Other companies say they keep tabs on their salesmens activities. However, the Consumers' Association believes 25-year endowment plan that they are still not doing would have to keep it for six enough.

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Income from bond eats into capital

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

promise of a fixed net pointed in all but the most monthly income of 13.5 per buoyant markets. For examcent a year plus the potential ple, a woman who put £20,000 for growth "for inflation into a two-year bond late in protection" as the brochure 1988 and has taken regular instates, need to be careful they understand what is on offer. Protected Asset Manage-ment, an independent financial adviser, has written to other brokers about its offer of investment have achieved this

income via its Income & Growth Bond. In fact, the monthly income, described as free of tax, is largely a refund folio of high yielding interof the investor's own capital. Investors with £10,000 are and interest-bearing assets. offered a net monthly income But the £3 million fund has

£1,350 a year or, as the but in cash in offshore acbrochure says, 13.5 per cent a counts with Lloyds and Midyear or 18 per cent gross. It land Bank earning interest says this rate is available at the gross for the last 12 months, time of going to press but can fall. Over the three years investors would receive a total for equity investment. income of £4.050. But the He added that investors bond works by splitting the needed to take a long-term money so that 35 per cent, or view. At the end of the initial 3,500 out of the £10,000, goes into the income element and the balance goes into the PAM Growth Fund managed by the company under the direction

of Edwin Forry Hargitt. The size of the monthly payments means that none of the original £3,500 and interest earned on it, if any, will be left at the end of the period. So those who expect to receive 1.25 per cent for Protected the full amount, or even more,

INVESTORS tempted by the back are likely to be disapcome of 11 per cent now finds the surrender value is less than £17,000. Units bought at 100.7p are now worth 109.9p, but only two thirds of her a three-year fixed monthly 9.2 per cent growth because of

the way the bond works. The 65 per cent should be invested in a diversifed portnational growth companies of£112.50, which works out at not been invested in shares said Mr Hargitt, because market conditions were not right

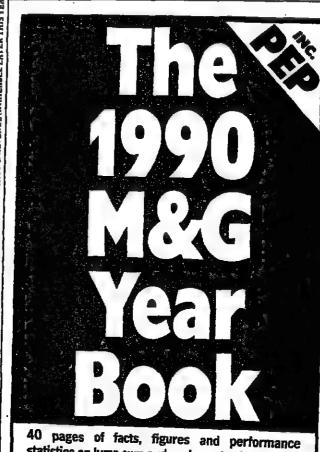
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period a further lump sum would be withdrawn from the growth fund for income.

The fund is held and administered by NEL Britannia, although investment is managed by Mr Hargitt. There is an initial fee of £50 and an annual charge to NEL Britannia of 1.5 the fund, plus an annual fee of

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LETTERS

Bonus hike from reserves robs Peter to pay Paul

From Mr Alan Jenkins Sir. I was surprised to read performance is surely not to maintain current bonus levels (Comment, December 8) that be praised by journalists or in the face of falling asset an insurance company is anyone else for that matter, if values could perhaps be for offering to pay journalists to such bonuses are supported by given for wondering whether write articles instifficiants.

Quite apart from the ob- where those "reserves" came vious futility of trying to from, and the uncomfortable matures, will the pay out be generate favourable comment answer could perhaps be that calculated to favour Peter, or in this way, surely the fun- they represent profits that Paul? damental point is that bonuses should have been paid out to Yours faithfully. should be reduced if the underlying investments have profits policyholders. fallen in value.

Declaring bonuses that are policy from a company which December 8.

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Banks need to take action over delays if Extra draws credit card fraudsters are to be caught From Mrs Govans

From Mr Richard Miller From Mr Richard Miller
Sir, Mr Mervyn Gibson of Barclays Bank tells us that the banks are working treather to banks are working together to took over ten weeks to get a correspondents has remarked defeat credit card fraudsters copy of the first voucher. It that all Premium Bonds go (December 1). From my own arrived last week. As at into a draw for 52 weeks a year experience I can say that one November 30 when I last deane was their original investarea in dire need of attention spoke to Access, two of the draws yet their original investis the delay when fraud is spoke to Access, two of the ment remains intact.

On August 28 an unauthorised purchase was made using my Access account. In the next week there were another three such purchases. The sums involved were substantial: more than £3,000 in all.

On September 14 I received my monthly statement. I immediately telephoned Access. They said it was premature to talk of fraud. They wanted to obtain copies of the relevant vouchers first. A perfectly sensible idea - except that the vouchers are not readily available.

The problem, so I have been told, is that where an Access voucher is processed through Letters are welcomed, but Bonds on 3rd June 1959. I am a Visa affiliated bank (e.g. The Times regrets it cannot Barclays), the voucher is re- give individual replies or ad- first prize! tained by Visa and thus it vice. No legal responsibility takes "6 to 8 weeks mini- can be accepted for advice or mum" for Access to obtain a statements in these columns

In my case every one of the advice should be sought.

then the question arises as to to pay Paul" is in his interests.

An investor in a with-profits London SW1,

had not even commenced.

down credit card fraud, then they might usefully examine the length of time it takes to locate a voucher processed through the inter-bank system. The fraudster in my case has secured himself at least a three-month start on any investigation and the sad thing is that I suspect he knows it. Yours faithfully, RICHARD MILLER, 11 Sherbrooke Road,

London. and independent professional

Fulham.

write articles justifying cuts in withdrawals from "reserves", this policy of "robbing Peter withdrawals from "reserves",

6 Wisley Road,

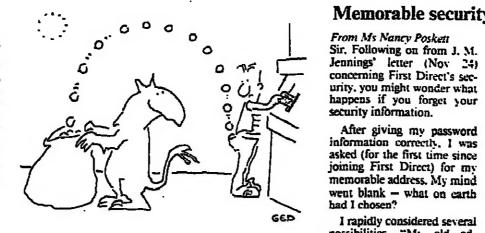
located and the police enquiry ment to gain regular interest If the banks are serious about working together to cut i shall keep my 400 odd

bonds invested as there is always the hope that I might win a large sum of money. Holdings of as little as £10 and £20 have won very large Yours faithfully, MRS GOVANS

10 Honister Close, Stanmore,

Waiting patiently From Mr Rodi Okorodudu Sir, I bought my Premium still patiently waiting for my

Yours faithfully, RODI OKORODUDU. 28 Pound Lane,



Student fell foul of Midland charges

From B. Poling Sir, My son's experience with This was returned and a £22 the Midland Bank matches charge made, plus £12 for a that of Ms Alison Hunt. A letter. student, he slipped into unauthorised overdraft by a He now uses another bank, few pence. His main trans- The Midland cannot expect, actions are withdrawing £5 surely, to recoup its fortunes from the cash dispensers and are therefore frequent.

For an overdraft of a few pence he was docked £125 in charges. He was not informed, and thinking he was well in Bristol.

that an essential ingredient million.

efforts of others (usually an-

From Mr Geoff Loughborough cestors) while actual effort and some are having, at least concurrent further invigora-Sir, Your report on inherincome is taxed, My proposal is that receipt itance (Weekend Money, Inheritors cash in on rise in of an inheritance or other gift property values), combined with the Prime Minister's for a tax-free allowance - cated but often idiot offspring expressed vision of a classless £10,000? - to cover gifts of of wealthy ancestors as is opportunity society, prompts sentimental value and reasonme as a strong supporter of able heirlooms) at a marginal such a society to ask to use rate of say 50 per cent, rising your columns to float the idea to 99 per cent above £1

should be a Personal Receipts Current taxes such as death duties would be terminated. In a free enterprise, equal There are strong arguments opportunity and reward-forin favour of the government effort society it strikes me as introducing such a tax: totally inequitable and eco-☐ Moral — if a free enterprise, nomically unwise to allow a equal opportunity etc society situation where some memis to be universally and indefi-

bers of society enjoy invest- nitely accepted, it must be ment income derived from the seen as fair.

credit he wrote a small cheque

He protested, to no avail.

by grinding people down in

9 Redland Green Road,

this fashion.

Yours truly,

B. POLING

Personal receipts tax is essential ingredient of classless society partially, a free ride.

□ Economic - it makes no

Memorable security at First Direct

Jennings' letter (Nov 24) supervisor, to whom I cor-

urity, you might wonder what all my other security items.

happens if you forget your Thus satisfied, they informed

I rapidly considered several NANCY POSKETT,

Teller gave cash despite poor forgery

Sir. My own experience does Girobank Visacard in May

little to convince me that the this year, having presented a

banks are making serious very poor forgery of my

efforts to defeat the fraudulent signature. I am amazed that it

use of credit cards - as was not queried and surprised asserted by Mr Gibson from that the teller sought no proof

of identity.

possibilities. "My old ad- 18 Abinger Way,

A teller in one of his own Yours faithfully,

branches in the City cheerfully K. D. HOLMES,

handed over £750 in cash to 4 The Paddox, Oxford.

dress?" No, try again. "221B Guildford, Baker Street?" No, again. In Surrey.

From Ms Nancy Poskett

security information.

had I chosen?

From K. D. Holmes

Barclays (Dec 1).

Sir, Following on from J. M.

concerning First Direct's sec-

After giving my password

information correctly, I was

asked (for the first time since

went blank - what on earth

sense for large tracts of wealth should be taxed (after allowing to be controlled by well educurrently the case. ☐ Efficiency - equally the

far better utilised if a donor were to give untaxed money to, for example, educational trusts (there would be a strong incentive to do so).

☐ Political — it would be a political masterstroke - convincing many of the cynical and less well off that the Tories are serious about the classiess, reward for effort society. The transfer of sup-This can never be while port to the Tory party and the Surrey.

tion of the economy would condemn socialism to a terminal condition and history.

the end I confessed to having

no idea. I was passed on to a

rectly answered questions on

me of the "memorable" address I had chosen, and I was

I'm glad First Direct

remembered it even if I didn't

- perhaps they should be

dubbed "the memory bank"!

someone who stole my own

allowed to proceed.

Yours faithfully,

There is one argument cated but often idiot offspring against a Personal Receipts Tax - that it effectively takes away the right of the giver to donate where he/she wishes. nation's resources would be While this, in isolation, is valid, it conflicts with the right of others to equal opportunity. As there is a conflict one has to make a choice and the latter overwhelmingly takes precedence for the reasons put forward above.

Yours faithfully GEOFF LOUGHBOROUGH. The Glade. Middle Hill Englefield Green,

Portfolio. PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 39). Storms No State Than West Their Fel Sai

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BRIEFINGS

its 6 per cent initial charge on its UK Income Trust for serving members of the armed forces until Janaury 15. They will receive a 4 per cent discount, while the other 2 per cent will go to the Royal British Legion's forces Christmas appeal. A further 1 per

over. Exempt Savings Account year, £204.50 after two years, (Tessa), in conjunction with £321.90 after three years and Robert Fleming, will pay a £450.80 after four years.

of wealthier individuals. It variable rate of 15% per cent Midland Bank has rounded will charge commission rather and a fixed rate of 13 per centif the application is received

it will be I per cent less. pay a rate at least equal to the will earn 14 per cent.

Money Account. interest on the tax-free accompetition.

☐ Gartmore Money Managepounded at 13.65 per cent. ☐ Barclays is offering 13 per loan.

helpline.

General Portfolio has increased the rates on its two, Mortgage business has three and four-year guar-more than doubled at the three and four-year guaranteed income and growth bonds. For each £1,000 invested in a guaranteed income bond over one, two, three or four years, savers will earn its first-time buyer mortgage. cent of the total from all other 9.75 per cent interest. A II Independent Investment investors will also be handed £1,000 investment in a guaranteed growth bond would ☐ Save and Prosper's Tex earn an extra £97.50 in one

its gross rates to reflect the than a fixed fee. Portfolio abolition of composite rate tax by January 14. After that date next April. Balances of £10,000 or more in an Ex-☐ Tyndall's Tessa will pay chequer account will earn 13.65 per cent at current rates of interest and will continue to balances of £25,000 or more

ried out for National West-☐ The Halifax Building Soci- minster bank showed that 37 ety has received enquiries per cent of first-year students from 600,000 people about its with a bank or building society Tessa, available from January account had a current account 1. It will pay 13.5 per cent with NatWest. The bank offers students a £30 gift and count. The society is offering interest free overdraft of £300. prizes, including a sports car Britannia Building Society and conservatory, in a Tessa is offering first-time buyers a 2 per cent mortgage reduction with its Helpstart package for ment will pay 13 per cent on the first six months. Borits Tessa Prime account, com- rowers must take out one of its endowments to cover the

cent on its Tessa and guar-antees the rate will not change fixed for two years are offered before March 1, 1991. The by the Norwich and Peterbanks says it is receiving about borough Building Society. free.

Don't just save it-invest it!

☐ PEARL is offering to waive 250 calls a day on its Tessa There is a penalty of three months' interest for early

redemption. Skinton Building Society since October's cut in interest rates. with more than 40 per cent of the increase being on Debut, Management, the financial adviser, has joined forces with Shaw and Co, the stockbroker, to offer advice and valuations on the investment portfolios valuations will cost £25.

Commercial Union's Prime Living policy will pay a lump sum if policyholders are diagnosed with cancer, or suffer a heart attack or kidney failure. It will also pay out for rate on its High Interest [Independent research car- permanent and total disablement for more than 12 months. Maximum sum assured is £250,000.

> A five-year guaranteed in-come bond, which invests in an assured tenancy business expansion scheme, has been launched by Chancery, the merchant bank. Higher-rate taxpayers could earn a dividend of up to 14 per cent a year gross with Constellation Dividend, the bank claims. Basic rate taxpayers could earn 11.2 per cent. Chancery has launched Growth Assured II and Growth Assured III. which will pay a guaranteed rate of 16.5 per cent a year tax

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Aredit card customers will need to take pocket calculators shopping from March if they are to work out the price of items. Revised draft regulations issued by the trade department on differential pricing for credit card customers are intended to leave traders "as free as possible" to determine their own pricing

Retailers will continue to put the cash price on tickets and displays and will only be required to place general notices at the public entrances and at the tills indicating how much extra credit card customers will have to pay. This can be given in percentage terms.

At filling stations, petrol retailers will be able to show the price for whichever method of payment they choose on the pumps and for displays. Most are likely to opt for the lower cash

There will also have to be details of differential prices somewhere on the pumps but, again, only in general terms.

The retailers are not supposed to charge more than the credit card companies charge them for



credit card transactions. The average merchant fee on transactions is currently 1.65 per cent. Only the most nimble mathematician will be able to work out how much a tank full of petrol will cost a credit card customer when the percentage increase is given to two percentage points and the cash price is £20.37.

Customers will have to trust retailers who choose to charge different prices to credit card customers not to take advantage of the situation.

They will have no way of knowing what stores and filling stations are charged by credit card companies and whether the extra percentage they are being charged has not been rounded up.

The credit card companies are expected to monitor differential pricing, not trading standards departments. This will add to their costs and no doubt it will be the cardholder who pays in the

Last time differential pricing



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

was tried, greed got the better of not to pay more and longer some retailers, particularly filling queues at cash desks as a result. stations, and it was short-lived.

Unless dual-pricing is properly policed, shoppers will stop using Broker threat

Two of the major banks already make an annual charge for credit cards and others are thought to be planning to introduce charges in the first quarter of next year.

At the same time, the interestfree period for credit card users is under serious consideration. Barclays has already scrapped it for customers who do not pay

their bills in full each month. It could mean a return to the cheque for customers determined

Tt seems that brokers become more and more like farmers. They like to have something to complain about. And if there is nothing new then a very old problem will do.

Members of the Institute of Insurance Brokers are threatening to boycott General Accident from January 1 because the insurance company has had the audacity to provide an insurance package for the Ford motor company to give away to buyers

of new Fiestas, Escorts and Orions

General Accident first offered a similar deal in 1937 to the Morris motor company and has more recently provided insurance cover for the buyers of new Volkswagens and Seats. But only GA's arrangement with Ford has incurred the wrath of this small band of brokers. They do not like motorists dealing directly with insurance companies and being guaranteed a full no claims discount when the year of free cover is over.

The referral of their boycott to the Restrictive Practices Court this week by the director general of fair trading, Sir Gordon Borrie, has only spurred them on.

Andrew Paddick, the insti-

tute's director general, claims the brokers want to protect the public from injury. The no claims bonus is an incentive to safe driving and the scheme was likely to put bad drivers into fast or unsuitable cars. General Accident statistical-

ly refutes these allegations. More than 90 per cent of new car buyers have a full no claims bonus, the company says, and a further small percentage is within one year of achieving the maximum bonus. The cost of finding the small number of drivers among the 80,000 who benefited from the Ford scheme who did not qualify on driving experience for the full bonus, outweighed the cost of giving them the bonus.

The brokers fail to publicise the fact that many drivers have a full bonus purely because they have paid an additional premium to safeguard it, not because they are safe drivers. The protection policies are, of course, mostly sold by brokers.

They should stop pretending their concern is road safety and admit they are reluctant to lose the commission of 12.5 to 21 per cent of premiums they receive when they sell or renew a motor policy. Brokers should concentrate on giving clients value for this money so that they are not tempted to boycott brokers and deal directly with insurance companies.

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MILLIONS of electricity share certificates will join the Christmas post next week. Their arrival is expected to cause queues at banks. building societies and brokers all over the country as investors try to take advantage of cheap and free dealing offers before they are

The drastic scaling down of the issues means that the maximum number of shares individual investors will have to sell in a single company is 500 and most people will have several packets of 100 shares. They face the dilemma that such a small number of the shares is not really worth holding but may wish to wait for the first batch of vouchers to be issued in August. They are worth £18 for every 100 shares. Customers who wait for the vouchers may feel they then have to hold the shares for much longer as the special deals to sell electricity shares will have ended, making it more expensive and, in many cases, more complicated to sell them.

Those applicants who had registered with brokers to sell shares before interim certificates are issued were able to take average profits of 50 per cent on Tuesday before dealing charges were taken into account.

The real winners were the families who applied for 100 shares each in every company. They received either all the shares they wanted or 1,190, depending on whether they were Seeboard customers or not. Shares costing a family of four £4,800 were worth £7,228 at close of business on the first day of dealing and the commission on the whole lot could have been as little as £120 in one company worth up to

cies for properties with a rebuild-ing value of £150,000 or more and

contents valued at more than

£35,000 were launched by Wel-

lington Personal Insurances this

Both policies are underwritten

at Lloyd's. The Gold policy com-

bines buildings and contents,

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insured for up to 50 per cent of the

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normally assessed by an indepen-

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£150,000 will also have £75,000

Homes with a rebuilding cost of

Electricity investors expected to rush for deals

through Diameter, the Guildford stockbroker. Those who had made arrangements to sell on the first day should have made more than £2,250 profit, even when including lost interest on the money until January 11 when settlement takes place.

The price of the shares has changed little since then, and investors who qualify for free dealing through the Skipton Building Society or cheap dealing through other brokers should see sizeable profits on family packages of shares in all or most of the

The certificates and refund cheques should begin to arrive on Wednesday, giving people three and a half days to sell before Christmas. Those who are quick off the mark can even sell and have the cheque for the proceeds cleared on Christmas Eve if they use one of the 270 branches of National Westminster Bank with a touch screen. The minimum fee for instant dealing is £17 for shares

More choice for larger houses

and works of art up to £5,000 are

covered with a limit of £2,000 per

The Silver policy has similar

cover but policyholders can opt to

have buildings and contents sepa-rate or combined. It also has an

excess of £250, while the Gold

Steven Windich, managing director of Wellington Personal Insurances, said: "People with

larger houses don't have the same

choices as those with smaller ones

and we decided people with more

than £35,000 worth of contents

weren't being well served." A

policy has an excess of £500.

worth of contents cover. Jewellery Gold Policy with £250,000 of

£1,133. The bank is also offering postal dealing for a minimum commission of £9.

Yorkshire Building Society is charging £10 to sell shares worth up to £300 in one company and £15 above. Customers should know the price within one hour and immediate clearance of up to £500 will be given to cheques paid into a Yorkshire account on the settlement day.

Applicants who feel sore about losing interest on large sums withdrawn from bank and building society accounts early in December and then receiving few if any shares are being offered assorted deals by savings institutions wanting the cheques. The National & Provincial Building Society is offering 15 days' extra interest to customers and noncustomers who did not receive the full allocation of electricity shares they applied for. Alternatively, they can choose £10 of electricity stamps. To qualify, they should pay their refund cheque back into their existing account or open a N&P Instant Reserve account. The society expects investors to leave the money with them for at least three months.

The Bristol & West Building Society is offering back-dated interest to December 4 on refund cheques deposited in its Treble Rate Bond before December 31. The 90-day account pays 11 per cent on sums of £5,000 to £10,000 and 12 per cent above £25,000. The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society will pay interest on uncashed cheques returned to the society by January 4.

cover, including accidental damage and £125,000 contents cover

with £5,000 for jewellery, would

cost £597.50 in Oxford and

pay the first £500 of any claim.

The policyholder would have to

These premiums assume that

the house has no security devices.

There are discounts for installing

fire extinguishers, smoke detectors

or burgiar alarms. The company

would insist on burglar alarms

being installed in high risk areas

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£732.50 in Richmond.

such as London.

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Shoppers warned to check bank notes after increase in forgeries



Dubious currency: Tracy Watt with one of the £20 notes received from a bank in Aberdeen and which is now with Scotland Yard

SHOPPERS should check their change more carefully and bank customers also need to look closely at the notes they are given. There has been an increase in the number of counterfeit bank notes in circulation in the past few

A spokesman for the Bank of England confirmed this week: The problem originated in London and the home counties and appears to have spread out thinly from there."

The increase has nothing to do with pre-Christmas spending, said the Bank of England, although notes undergo the heaviest use at

The number of cases of forged notes reported to the Abbey National in the past year rose to 50. The Bank added that there was no pattern to suggest that this was typical of Christmas time.

However, it can be worrying to receive a note or notes that are believed to be forged. A young couple in Scotland had a problem with dubious English notes

When Tracy Watt and Malcolm Geddes tried to transfer £200 from the TSB bank to their Abbey National account, the Abbey refused to accept some of the money because the cashier believed the bank notes were forged. Ms Watt said: "We took the money out of the TSB in Aberdeen and first thing the next morning tried to put £200 in the Abbey National but they wouldn't take it. The cashier said four of the £20 notes were forged and she told us to go back to the bank.

"The TSB had given us the notes in an elastic band and when we arrived back at the bank they were still in the clastic band. The bank manager did not deny that there was any possibility the notes had come from his branch but he said there was nothing be could do about it and all I could do was go to the police.

"The police told us that if they formally took possession of the money I would get a receipt for £80, but that would not be much use to us."

Early the following week a local oliceman, after visiting the bank, handed over genuine notes to the couple from the TSB. The 'forged" notes were then handed to Scotland Yard.

A TSB (Scotland) spokesman said: "We cannot comment on this case because of customer con-

He added: "If the customer has a complaint about the service she should speak to the manager and any misunderstanding can be cleared up. If there is still a dispute we have a customer complaints procedure which the manager will explain." The Abbey National's cashier had rejected the £20 notes because the watermark showed the Queen's head instead of Shakespeare's and the line through the notes was incorrect.

The Bank of England believes that, rather than forgeries, these may simply have been old notes. A spokesman said: "We cannot be sure unless we see the notes but there is a real chance they are making a classic mistake here. On current £20 notes, the watermark is Shakespeare's head. But before November 1984, the Queen's head was in the watermark and some of these notes are still in circulation."

same time. After November 1984 this is a windowed thread looking like silver dashes; on old notes it was embedded in the paper and was thinner. Old notes, which may have been kept under someone's mattress for years, are still valid if they come back into circulation.

The silver thread changed at the

Being stuck with forged notes is a problem. Anyone who tries to pass them on to somebody else could be charged with passing counterfeit money. By law, recipients of forged notes are obliged to report the matter to the police.

The Bank spokesman said that where a customer believed he or she had received forged notes from a bank, it was "very much a matter between the bank and the customer". He added: "Once the customer has left the premises there is the question of establishing beyond doubt they are the same notes. This is a difficult question in law since there is no obligation on the bank to take them back if the customer cannot prove that is where the notes came

To recognise a forged note it should be compared with one known to be genuine and the following four points, which the Bank of England identifies, should be sought:

☐ Feel the paper — it should be crisp and slightly rough in the heavily printed areas. Beware of a note that appears limp, waxy, shiny, or greasy.

☐ Quality of the printing — it should be sharp and well defined with no blurred edges.

■ Watermark — a clearly defined portrait with subtle gradations of light and shade should be visible. The watermark on £20 notes is Shakespeare's head except in pre-November 1984 notes, which bear the Queen's head.

☐ Silver thread — a bold continuous line embedded in the paper can be seen on the front of the note. In pre-1984 notes the thread is embedded in the paper.

Forged notes are only ever an infinitesimal proportion of the total number of notes in circulation, but usually they are £20

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Trusts advised to link up products

INVESTORS can look forward to new products linked to investment trusts if the trusts follow advice offered by SG Warburg Securities this week in its annual review of the industry.

Packaged with mortgages, pensions or school fees savings plans, investment trusts could attract the private investors who continue to clude them, according to Warburg. The brokers noted that the level of private shareholdings in investment trusts appears to be stuck at about 30 per cept.

In packaged form, they said, the trusts would rank as necessary investments instead of having to compete for any spare cash investors might have after covering essentials.

John Korwin-Szymanowski,

investment trust research manager at Warburg, said that investment trusts could be far more tax efficient and flexible than endowment policies. Unlike insurance companies, investment trusts pay no capital gains or income tax on their funds and investors can also escape these taxes by holding the trusts through a personal equity plan (Pep). He suggested that investment trusts should follow the lead of Scottish American Investment Trust, which is running a Pep mortgage in association with the Bank of Scotland. Investment trusts are especially keen to attract private investors after this year's takeover of Globe, the largest trust, by the British Coal Pension Funds.

"The Globe takeover showed that corporate activity is here to stay," said Mr Korwin-Szyman-owski. "Investment trusts see private investors as their saviours from predators." There are statistics to back this

view. Investment trusts become takeover targets when they trade at a wide discount to the net asset value of the underlying invest-ments. Warburg found that investment trusts overall averaged a discount of 16.6 per cent, but that trusts in which private investors held more than a 30 per cent stake averaged a discount of 11.3 per cent, leaving too little potential profit margin for predators.

Meanwhile. Warburg is worried about the effects on private investors of some of the promotional activities of the Association of Investment Trust Companies (AJTC). The brokers attacked the association for issuing misleading information and criticised its encouragement of a cut-price dealing

Warburg's objections centred on the treatment of "extraordinary" shares: the zero dividend, stepped preference, income and

capital shares and warrants issued by some investment trusts in addition to ordinary shares. Warburg's analysts said that these complicated instruments should be judged on their total return potential and not by looking at net asset values in the normal way. "We believe it is positively misleading to publish daily net asset values on certain capital shares," said Vanessa Yeo, of Warburg. "How can a layman distinguish between a 16 per cent discount on Edinburgh Invest-ment Trust and a 66 per cent discount on River Plate Capital?" An uninformed person would not realise that the River Plate figures was artificial because it took no account of prior charges against assets represented by different classes of shares.

She added that although the objective of cut-price dealing in investment trusts shares was laudable. Sharelink IT, an executiononly service encouraged by the AITC, was only suitable for a few private investors buying generalist investment trust shares.

At the AITC, Julie Jupe said that Warburg had already raised objections privately to the publication of net asset values on several occassions, "We recognise what they are saying, but it would open the floodgates up if we



John Korwin-Szymanowski

started highlighting warnings to look out for different capital structures," said Ms Jupe. "We would be getting into the role of giving advice and we are not authorised to do that."

Ms Jupe rejected Warburg's criticism of the Sharelink service. It was never intended for the lay person. It was always for the person who knew what they were doing." She added that the association recommended that investors go to suitable, qualified financial advisers.

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Smile cracks the secret of modest Morse's code

By CAROL LEONARD

f you were to spend an hour or two closeted with Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman of Lloyds Bank, without him telling you what he did for a living, you might think that he was the editor of a newspaper such as The Times. You would never expect him to be

He admits that he might well have become a dergyman. And if he had chosen that profession, he would, he suggests with a wry smile, perhaps have become a

But it is the smile that says more about Jeremy Morse than any career. Whichever profession he chose, he would have risen to the top. If he had been a clergyman with his bald head and tall, slightly stooped frame, he certainly looks the part - he would have been a bishop. But Morse, aged 62, is not only unfailingly modest, he also underplays his hand. Perhaps the two amount to the same thing. Hence that smile.

As a schoolboy at Winchester, he was always top of his class. He became head boy and went on to receive a double first in mods and greats at Oxford.

"The senior classics master would consult him as an authority when he was 17 years old," recalls Christopher Johnson, chief economic adviser at Lloyds, who was three years below Morse at school. "He had already acquired formidable authority. He worked hard but he was not a swot. He was not the sort who had to stay up late, taking huge piles of work home at night, emerging red-eyed the next morning. But nor was it

S o it is with his chosen career in banking and his job at Lloyds. Morse works hard, is conscientious, but he is not a workabolic. He has been known to describe his position there as that of "full-time non-executive chairman", since he has little to do with the day to day management of the bank - that is handled by Brian Pitman, the chief executive - and he has outside interests ranging from the theatre to chess and crosswords. The television detective series *Inspector Morse* is inspired by him, with many of the crimes being solved from cross-word clues. In Who's Who he lists his recreations as poetry, problems and puzzles, coarse gardening and golf. None are typical of the banking profession, normally associated with greyer, more sedentary pursuits.

Morse explains that by coarse gardening he means something that keeps "your hands busy and your mind free, like tree planting. Then if I get a good idea I stop gardening, and push the wheelbarrow about from place to place. I also get ideas when I am Golf, according to Cholmeley Messer, the recently retired chairman of Save & Prosper, and another old friend, is the one thing at which Morse is not exceptionally good. "It is the only thing I can think of where he is not very good. But he plays it anyway and enjoys it enormously and that says a lot about the man."

Morse is generally acknowl-adged as the most intellectual of Britain's four clearing bank chairmen. He is also the least well paid - albeit on £190,000 a year, but

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Sir Jeremy Morse

that compares with the £327,000 earned by Sir Kit MacMahou at Midland and Sir John Quinton's £332,000 at Barclays — and the longest serving, having been at the helm since 1977. As a consequence of his and Pinnan's combined efforts, Lloyds has slowly but surely risen to the top of the pile. In 1986 the bank's shares were trading on a paltry three and a half times earnings, at a time when the other banks were on four and a half. Now it is on seven times earnings and has edged significantly ahead of the compension.

Of all the clearing banks' chairmen, Morse is known for having got on least well with Margaret Thatcher. She misinterpreted his manner and thought he was lecturing her when, in fact, all he sought was a stimulating dialogue, an intellectual debate. Morse must have been puzzled and somewhat hurt by her reaction to him. It is generally assumed that it was for this reason that he was not made Governor of the Bank of England, a post he would have enjoyed and, of course, at which he would have excelled. Yet despite this fundamental clash of personalities, and his own admission that he "detests party politics", he admits:
"I have probably voted Conser-

vative more times than not." Morse's grandfather, a famous alpinist and politically an independent, was knighted for services to the Conservative party. "I have never voted for the greens. I tend to the centre," he concludes.

"He does very much enjoy conversation and tends to introduce weightier topics than people usually discuss," agrees Richard Wilding, the retired head of the office of arts and libraries, and another old-Wykehamist, who once shared digs with Morse. "I can imagine people who do not know him well thinking that he is a bit heavy. In appearance and reputation he is formidable. But once you get to know him, you quickly realise that whoever you are, you can have an enjoyable conversation. He is very good at finding out what subject interests people and steering the conversa-tion that way." Yet despite this love of conversation, his fluency Latin and Greek and his fascination with words - "I am very fond of speaking, standing up in public. I do not mind if it is an after-dinner speech, a sort of soutilé, or a hinchtime lecture, i very rarely have a text. I only use one when it is demanded and I normally refuse anything that requires a text because I have come to believe, profoundly, that written and spoken English are two quite different languages" he insists that he did not come from an intellectual family.

"I never wanted to stay on in education. I was a very successful examinee. I was always doing well at exams. But I did not have an intellectual background. We never talked at meals as a family and never debated. I wanted to get away to commercial life." He can, however, remember helping his



Musically minded: Sir Jeremy and his wife Belinda enjoy a Victorian drawing room ballad

IMF's deputies of committee of

parents solve The Times crossword puzzle when he was seven years old. His interest in commercial life was fuelled by the assumption that he would one day join Steward & Patteson, the family brewing business, in Norwich. founded in the 1780s and into which the Morse family brewery had been merged in the 1830s.

"We had become the main family in it and I would have been brewery in East Anglia. I originally joined the banking world to get another skill before I went back into the business. My father had been a lawyer. But in the Sixties Watney's bought it and so I never did go back."

orse, instead stayed with Glyn, Mills & Co for 11 to the Bank of England as an executive director in 1965 when he was only aged 36. He was the second youngest Bank of England director ever. A year later, he became alternate governor at the International Monetary Fund for

Britain and then chairman of the

Ask him what he will do next. Morse replies, without hesitation, retirement ... in two or three years time. My father made the classic mistake of working much harder between the ages of 60 and 70 than at any other time and I'm keen to retire much younger than that to do other things." He already has two "retirement jobs", rather, warden of Winchester, and chancellor of Bristol University. He explains this late resurgence of interest in education as "en-

tirely as someone who wants to ness on what he has experienced. whereas your real teacher wants to teach from the beginning, a voca-tion for life". Yet even his closest friends

agree that he could well have been

an academic.

man in many ways. One of the we have, he says "greatly reduced most noticeable ways is that he the north-south problem but the takes great joy from simple things and not necessarily ones you would associate with someone in his position, like singing Gilbert and Sullivan and Victorian drawing room ballads. He does not have an enormously good voice, but he enjoys singing them."

Morse takes the Underground to work most days from his Chelsea home, simply because he enjoys the experience. "It is so invigorating and ordinary," he says with relish. "I really do enjoy it. I enjoy looking at people's faces and sometimes I try to picture them as they were as a child, especially the ones who look really awful. When we go to picture exhibitions I spend more time looking at faces than paintings."

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the ordinary, simple things of life could perhaps belie a deep-seated sense of superiority. Morse would be shocked at that suggestion, even though he must have more right to that feeling than most, but it is said to be a common trait among old-Wyke-hamists. He comes from a wealthy, middle class background and although he enjoys company and loves cocktail parties, he admits that he would always prefer a family party to a party with friends. He sometimes asks and answers his own questions, in logical progression. Your presence is, at times, incidental. He could survive happily on his own, almost to the point of having conservations with himself.

And it is quite possible that despite his often frustrated love of debate, he believes steadfastly that his own views are right and his mind is, therefore, effectively closed to real argument. Or perhaps he is constantly searching for an intellectual equal with whom he can fulfill his ideal of the

"I do find that my ideas develop best by myself," he says. "They do not develop out of talk." He becomes excited. "Yes, that is very interesting . . . I've never said that to anybody... I've never thought of that before. I get some very valuable insights from other people but I don't get my creative ideas from them; I get my creative ideas by walking or doing something by myself. I'm really very interested in this . . ."

He is easer to discuss some of his ideas. The tripolar idea, the dea, sometime ago, that the Conservative party would "have to go back and sweep the middle ground and, therefore, would probably have to drop Mrs Thatcher fairly early on", and the idea that the government faced an economic dilemma, with the north/south divide on the one hand and the need to stamp out inflation in the Southeast on the other. To do the latter would deprive the North of the recovery "He is not a typical banker," it had not yet had. In assessing horror of it is that we have thrown away virtually all the macro economic gains that were made in the first five years".

Somewhat formal in his manner, he is deeply religious and passionately concerned about ethcs. He once delivered a sermon on ethics in the City at a church in the square mile. He is also an innately nice man, kind and self-effacing, but not shy. "He is good company, a life-enhancing friend," says Messer. "He has a fantastically good brain, a multi-level brain, working on several different levels at one time, but he never imposes it on you." Nor would he ever lose his temper. "If there were a difference of opinion he would discuss it in a rational manner; he would not get emotionally in-volved," says Johnson who, after all, works in the same building.

Yet Morse is not unemotional. He talks with great affection about his four children: Richard, aged 31, who works at Kleinwort Benson and helped advise on the privatisation of the electricity companies: Andrew, aged 29, who runs two stationery shops, the City another in Oxford; Samuel, aged 28, an investment manager with Fidelity, and Isabel, 23, a head hunter. A second daughter died from cancer when she was four

Belinda, his wife of 35 years, is an official London tourist guide, and runs her own business. She specialises in Square Mile walks. On each of their first 26 wedding anniversaries Morse gave her a single flower, each one beginning with a different letter of the alphabet. "Now I am doing the same thing with jewels," he says. "We will have to be married for 52 years before we get to Zirconium. Men are often romantic in a way that women are not. Women have to be more practical."

hile he is buying gem-stones, his wife would, he stones, his wife would, he says, describe him as complacent. "I am certainly that. I am very satisfied. I have never wanted to change the world. I have never had that divine discontent. When I take on a new job I quickly spot four or five things I want to change and then I leave it at that. That is a failing."

But he is nothing if not consistent. "I am against being a tyrant at work and an angel at home. I think that's what integrity is all about," He "adores" Shakespeare and quotes Hamlet: "To thine own self be true." He says: "I believe in all that."

Questioned again about his selfsufficiency, be protests anxiously: "I adore my family. I would hate to live alone." But then he paraphrases Cicero; "I am never less alone than when I am alone." as chairman of the governors, or says Wilding. "He is a surprising what, in the event, has happened, For he is never less than honest.

Desperate measures needed to turn the tide of trash

TO HEAR it from the pessimists, CAPITAL Tokyo will sink under its own rubbish in a few years as Japan's rich, throwaway, consumer socicty runs out of room in its rubbish dumps.

The optimists, however, are sure Tokyo can hold back the tide of trash until the turn of the century. Meanwhile, the government is going grey trying to find a way out of the mess.

"Tokyo is facing a major crisis," says Soji Agata, head of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly's sanitation committee. "We and the sanitation department pray every day that our city will not end up buried in rubbish."

The government's latest idea, unveiled this week, is to make manufacturers of items such as televisions, cars and fridges responsible for disposing of them when consumers throw them out, either by forcing them to collect the abandoned items or by making them pay the local council's collection costs. Appliance manufacturers and car makers are not exactly enthusiastic.

In that anxious understatement perfected by many Japanese officials, Shunichi Suzuki, Tokyo's governor, admits that the capital's rubbish "is growing at a rate far beyond our expectations".

Mr Suzuki is urging fellow residents of the city to discard less and to recycle more. He is setting an example by using business cards made of recycled paper, maybe not much of an ecological breakthrough in Britain, but a big paper-saver in a country where business cards are exchanged with

every greeting.

Tokyo produces about five million tonnes of garbage a year. If things go on as they are, the city have nearly three million tonnes of rubbish by 1995

JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO



Japan: pressure to purchase

convenient way to dump rubbish and to gain more elbow room in a congested country. But the government says there is a limit to how much of Japan's shoreline can be built on old tin cans, and that limit is near.

In desperation, the Tokyo government has dreamed up a plan to dig up rubbish buried at a Tokyo Bay disposal site, burn it and rebury it. The scheme is supposed to extend the dump's usefulness for between seven and fifteen years. At present rates, the site will

be brimming over within a year. The capital's bureaucrats are also touting the idea of building a huse incinerator in the heart of

and brokers have been assured that the processing plant will be odourless, but the financiers are sniffing at the plan.

One of the more unusual ways of treating the family to a day out recently was the "trash bash" organised by the government in the Tokyo Dome stadium. The aim of the one-day event was to make the capital's 12 million residents think more seriously about rubbish. About 53,000 visitors turned up. They saw a "trash fashion show" featuring recycled clothing, a display of rubbish trucks from around the world and several mock apartment rooms filled with shiny new furniture and appliances plucked from rubbish dumps, a sort of Ideal Home Exhibition for ecologists.

Those not fussy about matching colours can furnish a small apartment from what the residents of Tokyo leave on street corners for rubbish collectors to pick up. Some of the televisions, bicycles, washing machines, and tape decks may only need a new plug or a couple of screws, since the Japanese prefer to buy a replacement rather than bother with repairs. Even so, most work perfectly. Many are only two or three years out of date, too old for many Japanese who are now rich enough to afford the latest camera or hi-fi and whose flats are too small to hold anything that is not in

Japanese manufacturers indulge their customers by bringing out new models almost every year. Sometimes retailers throw away last year's stock to make room for new items. The government's challenge seems to be to persuade the Japanese to hold on to usable household goods for longer. Japanese people replace their televisions every six years or so, and most families own at least two or

everyday use.

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Bank warns of rise in forgeries

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Two Weekend Money readers found themselves stuck with four £20 notes, which the Abbey National refused to accept, claiming they were forgeries. Use our checklist to ensure the cash you are carrying is clean

Morse code



The understated and intellectual Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, quotes Cicero and Shakespeare but still takes the Underground from Chelsea every morning because he enjoys the experience of looking at the faces of other commuters. He talks to Carol Leonard Page 43

Power profit

Electricity customers who bought £100 of shares in each of the 12 regional power companies have made themselves a tidy profit for Christmas despite a vast scaling down of applications following the most popular privatisation to date. Families of four buying £4,800 of shares found they were worth £7,228 at the end of dealing on the first

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A badly forged signature was thief who withdrew £750 from a reader's account without the cashier demanding any proof of identity. Other letters in-clude a call for a personal receipts tax to assist in creating a classless society, and a plea for insurance companies not to rob Peter to pay Paul in a vain attempt to keep bonus ievels up when assets are Page 41

Churning fears

Life companies fear that former clients of Levitt Group, the failed financial services group, may be persuaded un-wisely by other salesmen to cash in their policies and take out new ones even though they may not even recoup what they have paid. The liquidators called in to unravel Levitt's affairs say that the majority of investors in the group should not lose money if they wrote cheques for contributions directly to insurance companies. Anyone worried that a policy may not be valid can check by contacting their insurance company

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Speak to Garry Weston about wheeler-dealing and he'll turn the conversation to Wagon Wheels. "I like to win,"

says the Canadian billionaire, "but my sort of winning comes through the development of a new product. That is what gives the thrill; more than any

takeover deal." Fiona Walsh talks to one of the world's richest men in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Seasonal investment offers long-term returns

A cruel streak is needed when choosing toys that children cannot play

with, as Barbara Ellis discovered

THE season of spending on children is enough to turn a parent's mind towards gifts of more lasting

But John Baddeley, of Sotheby's collectors' department, says it takes a streak of cruelty to be a good investor in toys. Bears are not for hugging and model cars have to stay in pristine condition in their original boxes to hold their

Collectors are after unusual, Mouse toys produced in the Thirties by manufacturers other than Disney. A rare Mickey Mouse can fetch up to £3,000, but only if it is in mint condition with the original box. Collectors are only just becoming interested in

Mr Baddeley says that the enormous increase in toy prices over the past 20 years has been in pre-1912 German tinplate, trains, boats and Wright brothers aeroplanes, made by Bing, Carrete or Marklin. Expensive when first issued, 20 years ago this type of toy was selling for about £10,000 but can now fetch anything up to £100,000.

Teddy bears have been one of the worst features of the toy market lately. In the past five years they have reached as much as £55,000, only subsequently to drop back. A bear bought for £10,000 18 months ago might be worth no more than £5,000 today. Without the back-up serious collectors need in the form of

its, people just went mad for quality teddies, says Mr Baddeley. Steiff, the top quality name in bears, is still in business, selling a. modern version of its classic bear, with a gold button in one ear. However, Mr Baddeley would not recommend buying a new bear.

Battery-operated robots and television and film tie-ins, such as James Bond merchandise, are areas where a major collection can still be formed for less than £25,000. "In any other field, that is peanuts," says Mr Baddeley.

He is keen to encourage young collectors. Dinky toys, a favourite in Britain, can still be bought for a few pounds, although some models are worth hundreds. Some of the vehicles that were least popular when issued have become the most sought after.

Starting a child on the way to his or her own collection of family silver may seem an attractive idea, but the investment evidence is mixed. Gains at the top end of the market have sometimes been

British Rail's pension fund turned £7,700 into £82,500 in the 11 years between 1976 and 1987 by buying and selling a pair of Charles II silver caskets. These were part of a collection of fine antique silver bought for less than £250,000 during the Seventies and sold for £1.3 million in 1987.

But lower down the scale, prices have risen much more slowly or have stayed constant.

Titus Kendall, of Spink & Son, the dealer, said that the price of



Continuing good prospects for claret: John Armit recommends laying down some Bordeaux as world demand for the wine grows

George III silver snuffboxes he would choose as a starter investment had been between £300 and £400 for several years. "This is an alternative investment. You have got to enjoy and like the things you buy. Your return should be the enjoyment and if you do not get that you should not bother. The best pieces for investment are

always things people use," he says. Adam Brett-Smith, of Corney & Barrow, the wine merchants, says he puts down a case of vintage port each year for a godchild, paying between £150 and £200 a case of late for a 1985 Dow. He suggests some rules for buying

port or cluret (Bordeaux), the main investment wines, for □ Only buy wines from the best

investment

vintages on expert advice. Do not borrow to buy wine. Do not speculate or rely on wine for a return on an

De patient - the minimum time for an investment wine is five years, with the best returns in the sixth to tenth years. If there were to be a repeat of the

worldwide slump of the early Seventies, when Bordeaux prices crashed, Mr Brett-Smith says investors should sit out the slump calmly as prices will bounce back "The object of the exercise is to drink the stuff after all," he says.

No capital gains tax is charged on wine, because the Inland Revenue classes it as a wasting asset.

Mr Brett-Smith chose Chateau Haut Brion (first growth), Chateau

(second growth) as the best of 1989. Chateau Haut Brion was also among 1989 Bordeaux chosen by Justerini & Brooks, the wine merchants, for an "en primeur" offer earlier this year. This allows investors to buy the wine before it is bottled, deferring duty and value-added tax until it is deliv-

cred in this country. Including shipping, but exclud-ing duty and VAT, the Haut Brion was £480 per case, as was Chateau Cheval Blanc and Chateau Margaux. A spokeswoman for Justerini & Brooks says the firm is

recommending the Margaux for drinking in 2012. The investment record of wine is difficult to track, but last year John Armit Wines produced figures showing that between 1982 and 1989, Bordeaux of the 1981, 1982 and 1983 vintages showed

Montrose and Chateau Petrue on the mid-year, average prices of five cases of the 20 wines the firm usually sells to investors. Mr Armit, after whom the company is named, envisages continuing good prospects for Bordeaux, since world demand is growing and the top 25 chateaux produce no more than about 430,000 cases a year. At the conventional end of the

investment market, unit trusts offer a simple way into share investment on behalf of children. Units are usually bought in the name of an adult for the account of the child and transferred when the child is aged 18.

As unit trusts invest in a spread of shares they should be less risky than an investment in a single privatisation issue.

In the past three years, most unit trusts have performed worse than building society high interest accounts. But the record over the

Old comics are no laughing matter for serious collectors

compound annual growth in value ranging from 14 per cent to 20 per

almost 500 comics, built up in the cost, he claims that it has more them. Lately I have started putting

Comics are a good thing to hand on to your children, but not while they are children," says Mr

Gewanter, who works in public In order to preserve their value. serious collectors store comics away from light in air-tight wrap-ping, or suspended in an inert gas. Reading is usually out of the

The most valuable item in Mr Gewanter's collection is a first edition Captain Marvel, bought for £180 in the Seventies and

worth about £5,000 now. "It is worth as much as it is because it is literally a perfect, mint copy. I have not read it because that would bend the spine and diminish the value. I sort of peeked in round the side once," he says. Although Mr Gewanter has

comics decome more scarce expects them to outperform some more traditional investments.

Having specialised in the American comics of the Forties, and underground comics of the Sixties and Seventies, Mr Gewanter advises people buying for investment to buy the most expensive comic they can afford and concentrate on condition.

If money is no object, he says, collectors should look for comics such as Action Number One or the first issues of Superman or Batman. However, he gives warning that in perfect condition any one of these could be worth between £20,000 and £40,000.

In a more affordable range, he suggests the X-Men or an early Conan the Barbarian.

Clint Twist, who writes science

information books for children,

past 16 years, is worth an assonish- than kept pace with inflation. As them back in their plastic packs, not particularly valuable," he says. However, Mr Twist can point to

some impressive gains in percentage terms, such as the 400 per cent he made in three years on the series of four Batman comics by Frank Miller, collectively known as The Dark Knight. Bought new for a total of £10, they are now worth £50,

Price information on comics is available in various guides pubished for collectors and sold through specialist shops or at conventions, such as the exhibition/convention held at the Edinburgh Festival this year.

Mr Twist also recommends the British Comics Price Guide, compiled by Dennis Gifford and published in 1985, although the only copy he can find to consult is in the British Museum.

Simple gift earns maximum interest with young savers

an adult's name first on the

passbook, interest can be issued

parent or guardian appears first on

the passbook, it is not allowable if

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Children who reach age 16 on or

before April 5 must complete the

registration form personally. Once

the declaration is signed, children

will be able to receive interest on

savings accounts without deduc-

The Halifax is concerned that

children should not miss out

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worth registering a child's account

because there is £100 or less in it.

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But while the gross rate applies

gross in most circumstances.

THERE is one generous Christmas present that almost every parent can give their children without it costing them a penny. Next time they visit the bank or building society where their children have savings accounts they should register them for gross

The majority of children are non-taxpayers and will be able to earn 33 per cent more interest on their savings than basic rate taxpayers from April 6, as long as their parents act in the next few months. Otherwise, children could lose out on millions of pounds of interest.

The Halifax Building Society has written to the parents of 1.25 million children with savings accounts, explaining how children can benefit from the scrapping of composite rate tax.

The society urges parents of children with a total annual income of less than £3,005, where no more than £100 is interest carned on money given to the children by the parents, to complete and sign a registration form available from all banks, building societies and post offices.

with the Halifax, but £8 when paid gross. Nationwide Building Soci-Parents must sign for children under 16, confirming that they are Cashbuilder account on £100 with day. December 10, in Chemical Interest with no tax deducted and £12 when paid

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR tax deducted. Provided a younggross. The latter is not planning to write to parents but has briefed ster qualifies for gross interest, it can be paid on any account, whether in the child's name or staff in its branches to alert parents to the need to sign held in trust. Where accounts are declarations for their children. taken out on behalf of a child with

Abbey National's Instant Saver account pays £6.23 on £100 net of tax and £8.30 when paid gross. It is placing a leaflet in all branches from January 2, explaining who is to accounts where the name of a eligible for interest to be paid gross

If parents do not make the required declaration for their children before a bank or building society pays interest on the children's account, they will be allowed by some institutions to register retrospectively and have the tax deducted credited to the account. Failing that, a child will have to wait until April 6, 1992, when a parent or guardian will have to apply for a refund of tax paid on the savings account. The Inland Revenue is setting up 20 new offices to deal with applications for refunds.

The Revenue estimates that 15 million savers will be able to escape paying tax from April 6. Of these, 3.25 million are children. It will launch its first television campaign in the new year to

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